WEATHER.

Fair, colder Tuesday. Wednesday fair, continued cold.

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PEACE NOTE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO ALL THE ENTENTE GOVERNMENTS

Lloyd-George's Speech Today Expected to Show General Attitude of British Government.

PAGE SEES LORD ROBERTS

"Talked About Everything But the Contents of the Envelope" in Short Conversation.

BEFORE THE CABINET TODAY

Proposal Presented Everywhere Without Comment.

London, Dec. 18. — The speech of Premier Lloyd-George in the House of Commons tomorrow is looked forward to by the press and public as the most important utterance of the kind since the memorable speeches in which Viscount Grey discussed whether Great Britain would come into the war. Mr. Lloyd-George has recovered from his indisposition and was at work today. He will rise to address the commons tomorrow at about 4 o'clock, and probably will speak for an hour and a half.

The Prime Minister's speech will be not only a reply to the German peace note, received today, but also will outline the whole policy of the new national government, the trend of which may be roughly anticipated from the fact that the new ministry is avowedly in power for the definite object "of carrying on the war with all the vigor the nation can command to a successful end."

Balfour on Vacation.

Today's news from government circles included the announcement of the departure of Mr. Balfour, the secretary for foreign affairs, for three weeks' vacation. Although his vacation comes at an important juncture, the organization of the foreign office permits affairs to proceed uninterruptedly under the direction of Lord Robert Cecil and Baron Hardinge, the under secretaries, while the larger questions of general policy doubtless will receive the attention of the war cabinet, over which the prime minister presides, Lord Curzon and Lord Milner also being members with wide diplomatic experience.

It is recalled that Mr. Balfour's designation as foreign minister met with severe criticism from the Northcliffe press and Lord Northcliffe himself urged Mr. Lloyd-George to follow the precedent of Lord Salisbury in directing foreign affairs as well as assuming the premiership. While Mr. Balfour's absence is said to be due to indisposition following illness and there is no suggestion of its being prolonged beyond three weeks, yet it has the effect of leaving the shaping of the larger policies regarding the German note and foreign issues largely in the hands of the premier.

NOTE HANDED TO LORD CECIL BY PAGE WITHOUT COMMENT

London, Dec. 18.—The peace note of the Central Powers was handed to the British government today by Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador, who called at the foreign office early in the day. In the absence of A. J. Balfour, the foreign secretary, he presented the note to Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary for foreign affairs.

There were no formalities in connection with the presentation of the peace proposals by Mr. Page. The note was enclosed in a large white envelope. It was handed by Ambassador Page to Lord Robert without any comment and the recipient made no reference to the question of peace, simply thanking Mr. Page for the transmission of the message from the Central Powers.

Diplomats Converse

The two diplomats spent a short time in conversation, but as one said: "We talked about everything but the contents of the envelope."

The note will be considered by the British cabinet tomorrow, it being received too late today to enable the council to be called. The next step after the meeting of the cabinet will be to get into communication with the allies of Great Britain so that joint action may be taken. This is expected to take at least a week.

It has been asserted that the note contains no terms and the impression prevails in official circles that until these are disclosed a conference is impossible.

The presentation of the German note to the Entente allied governments has now practically been accomplished. While the British foreign office was receiving the document from Ambassa-

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SENATORS DEBATE PROHIBITION BILL

Underwood Amendment for Referendum in District of Columbia May be Voted on Today.

PROPONENTS OPTIMISTIC

Amendment for Absolute Prohibition in District is Killed—Judiciary Committee to Consider National Amendment Thursday.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Underwood's amendment to the District of Columbia prohibition bill, providing for a referendum to the citizens of the district, was debated at length today by the Senate without reaching a vote. Proponents of the referendum believe they have sufficient votes to carry it through by a close margin. A vote may be had tomorrow.

Before debate began on the referendum the Senate rejected by a decided majority Senator Smoot's substitute to absolutely forbid sale, manufacture or importation of liquor. The bill as it now stands would permit importation of liquor for personal use.

The Senate Judiciary committee has called a special meeting for Thursday to decide on reporting the joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment forbidding throughout the United States the manufacture or sale of any kind of alcoholic, malt or spirituous liquors. A House committee already has favorably reported such a resolution.

Senator Underwood said today he was opposed to woman suffrage, but if the Senate insisted he would support the referendum amendment changed to include all persons "regardless of sex" in its district referendum.

Urging the referendum as a fair proposal, Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, declared himself in favor of an absolute prohibition bill and announced incidentally that he had "crossed the rubicon and had determined never again to be a candidate for the United States Senate or any other office."

The senator has just been re-elected.

WESTERN UNION EMPLOYES ARE GIVEN CHRISTMAS BONUS

Extra Compensation for December is Wilmington More Than $1,000.

Employes of the Western Union throughout the country have been given a Christmas bonus which will come in very handy in buying gifts. Those receiving salaries of $1,200 and under were given a bonus of 7 per cent of their yearly salary, while those receiving more than $1,200 got a bonus of 6 per cent. The extra compensation was paid over to the employes on last Saturday.

Manager John Shinberger, of the Wilmington office, said yesterday that the extra compensation for the Wilmington office amounted to more than $1,000.

WHEAT ACREAGE SECOND LARGEST EVER PLANTED

But Condition is 2 Per Cent Below That a Year Ago.

Also 4½ Per Cent. Below the Ten-Year Average—Acreage Planted This Fall Estimated by Government at 40,900,000.

Washington, Dec. 18. — American farmers, foreseeing a continued heavy European demand for wheat, planted an acreage of that grain this fall second in point of size in the nation's history. But poor weather conditions sent this crop into winter dormancy two per cent. below the condition of last December and 4.5 per cent. below the ten-year average.

In summarizing its first report on the winter wheat crop, issued today, the Department of Agriculture said:

"The present area seeded, 40,090,000 acres, is the greatest ever planted, with the exception of the 40,453,000 acres seeded two years ago, and is more than 10 per cent. greater than planted in any year prior to the fall of 1914. Increases of between five and ten per cent. were general in the South Atlantic states.

The condition of winter wheat is 85.7 per cent. of a normal at this time. It is 2 per cent. lower than last year at this time, and 4.5 per cent. lower than the ten year average, ranging slightly under 90 in most of the Eastern states and between 83 and 93 in the Central states. In the West, the condition is 90, or slightly above that in most states, excepting Washington and Oregon, where it is 72 and 78, respectively."

TO ASCERTAIN IF SHORTAGE EXISTS

Trade Commission Addresses Inquiries to All Newsprint Paper Interests in Country.

IN CONFERENCE YESTERDAY

Publishers, Manufacturers and Jobbers Endeavoring to Work Out Plan to Relieve the Situation—Information is Wanted

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Federal Trade Commission, in conference today with committees of newspaper publishers, paper manufacturers and jobbers in an effort to work out a plan for relieving the newsprint paper situation, addressed inquiries to all the interests concerned throughout the country to ascertain if an actual newsprint shortage exists.

Publishers of the large papers were asked if they will relinquish some of the paper they have contracts for during 1917; small publishers were asked the extent of their 1917 needs; manufacturers were directed to inform the commission concerning 1917 contracts and their next year's production; and jobbers were requested to furnish general information regarding the amount of newsprint paper they will handle.

The conference discussed a plan proposed by manufacturers under which large publishers would give up 5 per cent. of their 1917 contract supplies to fill the needs of small publishers, to which there is a growing objection on the part of large publishers.

To Finance Paper Mills

Plans of the publishers for financing paper mills to help take care of newspaper needs, it was said today, are taking rapid shape. Some publishers are of the opinion that the publishers of the country must arrange to care for their own needs or go out of business.

The committees of publishers manufacturers and jobbers will be called into conference again, probably next week.

A statement issued by the commission today referring to telegrams sent by associations of publishers, manufacturers and jobbers, said:

"The commission finds, however, that many publishers, and particularly the smaller publishers of the country, are not affiliated with associations and therefore will not be directly reached through the telegrams sent out by the publishers committees. Such publishers are requested by the commission to send full information concerning their present situation as to supply and their minimum requirements for next year, direct to the office of the commission in Washington."

FUNERAL OF MR. KAJANEDIS.

Greek Confectioner Laid Away at Oakdale Yesterday Afternoon.

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. Athanacios Kajanedis, a confectioner of Fourth and Harnett streets, who died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital late Sunday afternoon, were held from Yopp's undertaking establishment on Princess street, and at Oakdale cemetery yesterday afternoon. They were conducted by Rev. B. P. Arvamppoullos, pastor of the Greek Orthodox church, of Norfolk, Va.

The interment was made at Oakdale, the following acting as pall-bearers: G. Angelos, M. Mansouros, S. Kofsopiulios, J. G. Karrs, John Karakitson, N. Sarandos. Mr Kajanedis was 45 years of age and is survived by a wife, and one small child.

16,000 GUARDSMEN ARE ORDERED FROM BORDER

Does Not Foreshadow Withdrawal of Pershing's Column.

Force of 75,000 to be Maintained on the Border Until Pershing Has Withdrawn, Which Depends Upon Carranza's Action.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18—In compliance with instructions from the War Department to relieve National Guard organizations of border duty as conditions warrant, General Funston today designated 16,000 state troops to be returned to their home stations and mustered out of the Federal service. The troops will move homeward in three units, the first unit to entrain within a few days.

The release of the Guardsmen included in the order will leave about 75,000 state troops still on border duty.

The only Southern troops included in the order were the First infantry regiment of Virginia, which is in the second unit.

The other troops are from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas and Utah.

Washington, Dec. 18. — It was officially stated at the War Department tonight that the order for the return of 16,000 National Guardsmen for muster out of the Federal service was not to be construed as foreshadowing a move-

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MOBILIZATION OF NATIONAL GUARD A MILITARY FAILURE

Movement to Border so Characterized by Generals Scott and Wood Before Committee.

WANT UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Say if Guardsmen Had Met Good Troops, They "Would Never Have Known What Hit Them."

Washington, Dec. 18.—The mobilization of the National Guard for border service was described as a military failure, emphasizing the urgent necessity of abandoning the volunteer system as the Nation's reliance for defense, in statements today by Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, and Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Eastern department, before the Senate sub-committee considering the Chamberlain universal military training bill.

Both of the generals advocated universal trajning. General Wood declared that the country now was utterly defenseless against a well organized foe; that the mobilization was a tragedy, and that if the Guardsmen had met good troops they "would never have known what hit them."

General Scott told the committee that lessons drawn from the present war proved that, in case of war with a first class power, the United States would need immediately a trained force of 1,500,000 men, with another 1,500,000 available within 90 days.

Universal Service Opposed.

Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, former Secretary of the Interior, opposed universal service and suggested a regular army of half a million. He thought if the pay of privates were raised to $30 a month, the service would be more attractive to recruits.

General Wood, from whose department went 85,000 of the Guardsmen sent to the border, said of the men enrolled when the call came, an average of 30 per cent of each company had to be dropped for physical defects and the organizations went to the border filled up with green men.

"It's been a tragedy," he said, "but worth all it cost if we only profit by it. It was not the fault of the officers or men, but of a defective system.

"If we had been compelled to meet good troops down there it would have been a scene of carnage. The Guardsmen would never have known what hit them."

Abolish National Guard.

"What should we do with the National Guard, General?" Senator Brady asked.

"It should be replaced as rapidly as possible with men trained under a universal service system," General Wood replied. "When the system has been well started, I would drop the National Guard entirely from any scheme of national defense, although we want every officer and man of them in the new plan. But it must be a straight out Federal force."

"Yet the states must maintain the National Guard or some other force," Senator Brady suggested.

"I believe a constabulary should be maintained by each state, not a military force," explained the general.

"The police are trained to control, while troops are trained to kill. There is less resentment when men are handled by police than when troops are called out. The people feel it is the policeman's business."

Wood Outlines Plan.

General Wood outlined his plan, which in effect would be a combination of the Chamberlain bill itself, an adaptation of the Australian system, and the French general staff plan. His scheme would give all physically fit men six months training during their 19th year, passing them into the organized reserve, to be available for first line duty only between the ages of 21 and 22, after which they would be passed into the unorganized reserve until 29. The result would be a constant force of

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Canada Tearing Up Railroad for War

1,000 MILES OF ROAD BEING TORN UP TO SECURE RAILS FOR TRANSPORT USE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18. — Canada has begun to clear up 1,000 miles of railway to meet the needs of the war on the western front in France and Belgium, it was learned tonight. The rails will be shipped to France, where they will be relayed to facilitate the movement of troops, guns, munitions and supplies from French ports to the fighting line.

Laborers now are at work tearing up 800 miles of government railway sidings, and it has been decided to remove 220 miles of rails between Edmonton and the Pacific coast, where the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific run parallel.

It was impossible to obtain new rails owing to the great demand for steel to manufacture shells. Soldiers will be employed to tear up the rails when laborers cannot be employed, it was stated.

PRISONERS TAKEN IN THE LATEST THRUST BY FRENCH IN VERDUN REGION 11,000

Have Regained Entire Occupancy of Chambrettes Farm—Von Mackensen Successful in Minor Engagements in Buzeu Region, Berlin Claims—Teutons' Advance in Dobrudja Noteworthy and Strategic.

French troops have regained the entire occupancy of the Chambrettes farm, northeast of Verdun and about the center of their advance of last week. Prisoners taken in the latest French thrust on the Verdun front now total more than 11,000 in addition to 115 cannon and 107 machine guns captured or destroyed. Paris reports the repulse of several German offensive attempts in the Somme region.

Unofficial estimates made in Berlin place the losses of the French army to date at 3,800,000 men and the British losses at 1,300,000. The Anglo-French losses on the Somme to the end of November are estimated at 800,000 the British share being 550,000. The German losses on the Somme are declared by the Germans to have been less than 500,000.

In the region of Buzeu, Berlin states, the soldiers of Field Marshal Von Mackensen have been successful in minor engagements. Petrograd asserts that in the region of the Filipechti railroad station, east of Buzeu, hostile attacks were arrested.

The Babadagh-Pecineaga line, about 40 miles north of the Tchernavoda-Constanza railway, has been crossed by the Teutonic troops, who now have taken virtually all the ground they held during their previous advance in northern Dobrudja. The advance in Dobroudja brings the forces of the Central powers near the important railroad and storage centers of Ibraila and Galatz.

On the western Moldavian frontier the Russians have taken two ridges of heights, according to Petrograd. One ridge was in the Uzul valley and the other east of Glashutte, where more than 200 prisoners were captured.

Except for the repulse of Russian attacks by the Austro-Germans near Lutsk, in Volhynia, and near Zboroff, in Galicia, there has been little activity on the other battle fronts.

Berlin announces that a French battleship of the Patrie class was damaged heavily by a torpedo from a German submarine in the Mediterranean sea on December 12 and that on the previous day a French transport, carrying 1,000 soldiers, was torpedoed southwest of Sicily. The French admiralty denies the loss of a French warship of the Patrie class.

Seventeen American muleteers were killed on December 14 when the British hors transport Russian was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean sea, according to an announcement by the British admiralty. Eleven members of the crew also lost their lives. The Russian is declared to have been empty at the time she was sunk.

The British prime minister will reply Tuesday afternoon in the House of Commons to the German peace note which has been transmitted by the American ambassadors to the British and French foreign offices, and also

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LEWIS W. STANLEY OF WHITEVILLE IS DEAD

Popular Clerk of the Court of Columbus Died Yesterday.

Death Followed Long Period of Ill Health From Heart Trouble—Was 76 Years of Age—Funeral Tomorrow

(Special Star Telegram)

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 18.—While the storm raged and a premature darkness settled upon the earth, a corresponding gloom filled the hearts of Whiteville people when it became known this afternoon that just a few minutes before five o'clock death had claimed Mr. L. W. Stanley, the well beloved clerk of the court of Columbus county. The end came just a few minutes after Mr. Stanley had signed a deed and following a long period of failing health, from heart trouble, which became so severe that last summer he was compelled to abandon his work and seek to regain his health in the seclusion of his home.

Up to a few minutes preceeding his death, it was thought that he was slowing improving, which rendered the news of his death all the more painful. Superior court is in session and immediately adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning, when a successor to Mr. Stanley will be appointed, following which the court will probably take a further adjournment and attend the funeral, which will be under the direction of Rev. J. H. Poteet. He will be buried in the Whiteville cemetary Wednesday. Complete arrangements have not yet been made.

Mr. Stanley was born in this county on August 31st, 76 years ago. He early became affiliated with the Baptist church and was an active member almost to the day of his death. For 28 years he was a justice of the peace, during part of which time and for 25 years he followed the vocation of teaching and only gave that up to become county superintendent of education, which office he held for eight years, until 1904, when he was elected clerk of the court, filling the duties of the office so ably and well that he was re-elected again and again. Perhaps no man in the public life of this county was more universally known and loved. The rich and poor alike will heave a sight at the passing of Lewis Warrington Stanley. Surviving are his wife and twelve children, nearly all of whom are at home.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON HAVE BEEN MARRIED A YEAR

Republican Leader Mann Calls Attention of House to Fact.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The President and Mrs. Wilson today celebrated their first wedding anniversary with a motor ride, a family dinner party and a visit to the motion pictures. The President and his wife are very consistent theatre goers, but it was their first visit to the "movies."

Notice of the anniversary was taken in the House, where Republican Leader Mann, just before adjournment tonight aroused hearty applause by making it the subject of a brief address.

"The beauty of American politics," said Mr. Mann, "is that we accept results and remain friends. Mr. Wilson recently was re-elected President. I did not vote for him. Today is the anniversary of a very important day in his life, and I wish to felicitate him and Mrs. Wilson on their happy union of a year ago and wish for them a continuance of that happiness and a long and pleasant life."

GREECE AND BELGIUM BEAR NO RESEMBLANCE

French Foreign Office Points Out the Difference

Relations of Allies to Greece and Their Treatment of Her Compared With Those of Central Powers to Belgium.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Taking note of comparisons which have been made between the invasion of Belgium by the Germans and the experiences of Greece at the hands of the Entente Allies, the French foreign office today made a statement to the Associated Press in line with the recent statement by Viscount Grey to the Associated Press. To this the foreign office appends the assertion that the Entente Allies have done no more than carry out the terms of their engagements; that is, that they are fighting to defend Belgian neutrality and to protect Greece from exterior and interior menaces.

In invading Belgium, the foreign office declares, the Germans violated their oath and dishonored their signature to the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of that nation. In landing troops at Saloniki the Allies, according to this presentation, not only carried out the engagement undertaken in the treaty defining their protection of the kingdom of Greece, but responded to the invitation of the Greek government to come to its aid. The various precautions are said to have been taken by the Allies "in the face of a situation false and dangerous."

"The government at Athens made concessions," the statement continues, "but with bad grace and the single aim to gain time. A band of volunteers was organized, guns were trained, ambush was prepared, and eventually these volunteers, led by officers of the regular army, fired without provocation upon our detachments, with rifles, machine guns and artillery.

"One may now judge if there exists any resemblance between Greece and Belgium. Belgium could not cause uneasiness to Germany which solemnly promised to respect her territory. But she hindered her. * * * The Allies have absolute treaty rights to intervene in Greece, to protect the guarantees of the independence of the kingdom. It is their imperative duty, moreover, to assure the security of their soldiers, landed upon the invitation of the government. They are not repudiating their engagements. They are fulfilling them. They have not attacked. They protect."

FIGHT TO MAKE BOSTON A NO-LICENSE CITY ON TODAY

Overshadows all Other Issues in Massachusetts Municipal Elections

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—Interest in the outcome of the fight to make Boston a no-license city overshadows all other issues in the elections to be held in five Massachusetts cities tomorrow. The registration, about 120,000, is the largest in the history of the city. The "wet" vote last year was 46,115 against 31,877. The other cities voting tomorrow are Fitchburg, North Adams, Peabody and Quincy.

New York, Dec. 18.—"Gunboat" Smith, of this city, outfought Frank Moran, of Pittsburg, in six rounds of a ten-round boxing contest in Brooklyn tonight. Moran made the better showing in three of the rounds and in the first round the exchanges were even. Smith was active and aggressive but wild, while Moran was slow and missed several opportunities.

CARRANZA HASN'T YET RATIFIED THE 'PEACE' PROTOCOL

However, American and Mexican Commissioners Regard Official Sanction as Yet Probable.

CONFEREES IN SESSION

Delay Probably Due to Desire to Definitely Define Attitude of De Facto Government.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—General Carranza's representatives on the Mexican-American joint commission made to the American members today the admission that the protocol signed three weeks ago at Atlantic City had not been ratified. They supplemented that admission, however, with a declaration of the attitude of the Carranza government and assured the Americans that the delay in ratification did not signify the rejection of the agreement, which they had signed after almost three months of consideration.

The exact character of the communication from the Mexicans was not made public, but it was evident at the close of the conference that both Americans and Mexicans regarded as probable the official sanction of the protocol and the resumption of the sessions at which it has been planned to discuss questions at issue between the governments of the United States and Mexico.

Two sessions were held and late today when the commission adjourned it was announced that another meeting would be held tomorrow. Unless a break in the conferences, now unexpected, occurs, it was believed tonight that the sessions might be continued until near the end of the week, when an adjournment would be taken until after New Year's day.

Reason for Delay Suggested.

It was indicated that Carranza had withheld ratification not so much because he found the terms of the agreement impossible as because he felt that the declaration of the United States government's attitude made by Secretary of the Interior Lane, as chairman of the commission, made it inconsistent for him to accept it without in turn defining the position of his government. Secretary Lane had placed before the Mexican commissioners a supplemental statement in which he had clearly indicated that the American government was determined to witness an improvement in conditions in Mexico and that if it became necessary American troops would be sent across the border in pursuit of bandits and that no restrictions as to how far the pursuit would be carried would be tolerated.

Although not included in the protocol, Carranza interpreted this statement as vitally connected with the agreement and has protested against the pursuance of such a policy by the United States. To the conditions named in the protocol for the withdrawal of American troops now in Chihuahua under General Pershing it is understood he made no serious objection.

Terms for Withdrawal.

The terms for their withdrawal are that they shall be taken out within 40 days after ratification of the protocol, if in that time bandits have not altered conditions in that part of the country so materially that the peace of the border would be menaced and that Carranza would garrison the territory as the Americans are withdrawn.

Carranza signed no communication to the commission but authorized Alberto J. Pani to draft and to submit the statement intended as a counter declaration of policy. It was learned that the Mexican commissioners were empowered to use their judgment in phrasing the document and that they were urged by Carranza not to cause a break with the Americans if it could be avoided.

The attitude of the Americans appeared tonight to be that the message from Mexico would be considered care-

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Storm Centers Off N. Carolina Coast

SNOW, COLD WEATHER AND GALES ALONG ATLANTIC COAST PREDICTED FOR TODAY. WARNINGS GIVEN.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A storm moving northward along the Atlantic coast tonight left heavy from North Carolina to New York and will continue north, the Weather Bureau says, with snow, cold weather and gales tomorrow.

The storm, centered tonight off the North Carolina coast, had traveled from northeast Texas in 24 hours, making a speed considered remarkable by the weather experts. Storm warnings were displayed along the entire Atlantic coast north of Jacksonville and extreme caution was urged for shipping.

The cold snap, which took temperatures 10 to 35 degrees below normal over the whole country east of the Rockies, probably will last for several days. The lowest temperature reported today was 26 degrees below zero at Devil's Lake, N. D. A cold wave was forecast for the southeastern states for tomorrow.

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BELGIAN DEPORTATION DESCRIBED BY WITNESS

"No Delegates of International Red Cross Took Part."

Streets Barricaded at 2 A. M. and Persons Ordered to Prepare for Immediate Departure by German Patrols in Roubaix

Paris, Dec. 18.—The foreign office has communicated to the Associated Press the evidence of Gustave Ador, ex-president of the Swiss Confederation and now president of the International Red Cross, and the testimony of a witness to the deportations from Lille, Roubaix and Turcoing, to disprove the declaration of the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, a Berlin newspaper that delegates to the International Red Cross co-operated in the designations of persons for deportation by the Germans.

"No delegates of the International Red Cross took part in the designation of those deported from Lille, Turcoing, Roubaix, or elsewhere in France or Belgium", said M. Ador. "The governor-general of Belgium dissolved the Belgian Central Red Cross committee and placed the orginization under German direction. It is possible that delegates from the German Red Cross were present during the operations."

According to inhabitants Roubaix, who witnessed the deportations and whose sworn evidence has been taken, the foreign office statement says, the streets of the town were barricaded by the German troops at 2 o'clock in the morning, while machine guns were posted on all the street corners. A patrol forced an entrance to the houses and demanded lists of the inhabitants. Persons were picked out for deportation and ordered to prepare instantly. The first victims, men, women, girls, boys and children, were driven into the big wool-combing mill of Alford Motte & Company, remote from the town and near the railway. It continued.

Statement in German

"M. Mathon, a leading manufacturer of Roubaix and president of one of the French Red Cross societies, rushed to the headquarters of the German commanding officer and demanded the immediate constitution of a committee to receive complaints of persons selected for deportation and to examine the demands of those ill or the sole support of families. He also demanded and obtained authorization that members of the Red Cross take into the factory members of the Red Cross to want to the factory to warn the deported persons against a statement drawn up in German on a register presented to the victims on their arrival. The statement, which none of them understood, declared that the signer was leaving voluntarily for agricultural work in whatever region he might be needed.

M. Mathon posted at the doors of the factory provisions and clothing. He warn other victims as to the nature of this statement.

MUNSTERBERG'S ASHES TO BE SENT TO GERMANY.

Brief Funeral Service Held Yesterday at Cambridge.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 18.—A brief funeral service for Hugo Munsterberg, professor of psychology at Harvard University, who died suddenly on Saturday while lecturing at Radcliffe College, was held today from the Munsterberg residence in this city. The body was placed temporarily in a vault at Mount Auburn cemetery to be cremated in accordance with Professor Munsterberg's wishes, and the ashes later sent to Germany for burial.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today instructed the German consul at Boston to place in his name a floral wreath upon the casket of Hugo Munsterberg, the distinguished Harvard psychologist, who died Saturday.

BILL TO BE RE-DRAFTED.

Amendment Suggested by Bryan Added to Corrupt Practices Bill.

Washington, Dec. 18.—After brief consideration of Senator Owen's corrupt political practices bill, and proposed amendments, the Senate elections committee today appointed Senators Reed, Walsh and Kenyon a sub-committee to re-draft the measure and report to the Senate not later than January 3. Senator Owen added to the array of amendments one to carry out William J. Bryan's recent suggestion that the government publish a pamphlet in which political parties would be allotted space to inform the people regarding pending political questions.

MOBILIZATION OF NATIONAL GUARD A MILITARY FAILURE

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trained men with full equipment of more than four million, he said, in addition to a standing army of 250,000 composed of men who were professional soldiers by personal inclination.

"I do not think any nation would attack us," he remarked.

Thinks People Endorse It.

Senator Thomas asked what the general thought of the feeling of the nation toward universal service proposals.

"I believe the people will endorse it today," General Wood answered. "Labor is with you when you make it about certain all men, rich and poor, will share alike in military service."

General Scott will go into details as to the mobilization when he resumes his testimony tomorrow.

PRISONERS TAKEN IN THE LATEST THRUST BY FRENCH IN VERDUN REGION 11,000

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will outline the policy of the new government —a pronouncement that will have a far-reaching effect on the world war.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Ruifs, for the whole family. d16,17,19,21

17 AMERICANS GO DOWN WHEN HORSE SHIP SINKS

Transport Russian Sunk by Submarine in Mediterranean.

Eleven of the Crew of The British Horse Transport Lost With American Muleteers—Several Officers Included

London, Dec. 18.— Seventeen American muleteers have been killed and 11 of the crew of the British horse transport ship Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14. The British admiralty makes this announcement.

The announcement follows:

"The empty westbound British horse transport ship Russian was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on the 14th. Eleven of the crew were killed, including the chief officer, the first officer and the second officer. Also 17 American muleteers were killed. Their names have been communicated to the American consul."

The transport Russian referred to probably is the British steamer of that name which sailed from Newport News, November 16 for Alexandria, Egypt, which would be about due to return. Her net tonnage was 5,753.

LEFT NEWPORT NEWS NOV. 14.

WITH 90 CATTLEMEN ABOARD

Newport News, Va., Dec. 18.—The British stock transport Russian, formerly the Victorian, left here on November 14. She was in command of Captain James Dickinson, one of the oldest of the Leyland Line masters. In addition to her crew, the Russian carried 68 white cattlemen, 22 negro cattlemen and one physician, all Americans, and also a veterinarian.

The Russian had accommodations for 1420 mules and carried approximately that number when steaming from this port. The vessel was not armed when departing from Newport News.

The Russian is the second Leyland liner engaged in transporting stock from Newport News that has fallen victim to a submarine, the Armenian being sunk while outbound from Newport News 18 months ago. The crew list of the Rusian is subjoined. The home addresses were not available.

White cattlemen: J. R. McCandles, Alfred Arrowwood, B. P. Lyons, Daniel Martin, Albert Brown, Thomas Reeves, Pat Riley, John Ward, Upton L. Davis, Joe Kelly, John J. Apple, Joseph S. Burke, John Brandenberg, Joseph Tutt, Thomas Moran, Howard M. Jones, John Devine, William Smith, G. T. Grover, R. S. Wheatley, Sam Freckinson, William Marcellus, William Guernsey, Frank H. Ellard, Jack Allen, Charles Robinson, George Mangun, C. H. Clifton Joe Fisher, C. J. Smith, J. S. Scott, J. B. Carver, J. F. Burke, S. F. Folsom, Thomas Wheatley, R. E. Thompson, T. J. Bannister, Chester O'Neil, Frank Stevens, H. A. Relv, Lloyd Cumby, Otis Tucker, E. B. Moorefield, Clarence Shipley, Frank Williams, Chris. Wescott, G. F. Malvin, Joe Burton, Edwin E. Stone, L. J. Phillips, George Benson, William Fitzsimmons, William Kennedy, Harry Richardson, Harry Stephens, Charles Worth, Joe Thompson, L. B. Lacks, Frank O'Brien, J. R. Hill, H. W. Abbott, Andrew Satko; W. V. Jordan, L. R. Folliet; Dewey Simon, William R. Finely, Charles H. Field, William Howell, Dr. E. A. Carpenter.

CARRANZA HASN'T YET RATIFIED THE "PEACE" PROTOCOL

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fully and it was indicated that they perceived in it no insuperable bar to further debate.

Mr. Pani appeared today as the dominant member of the Mexican commission, although Luis Cabrera retained officially the chairmanship. He explained verbally to the Americans at the forenoon session the manner in which Carranza received the protocol and later discussed the details of his visit to Queretaro with Dr. J. R. Mott, of the American commission, at lunch.

The written report was placed before the commissioners at the afternoon session.

The Americans did not give the Mexicans a reply but after the late session, consideerd the counter declaration at a meeting by themselves.

Mr. Pani said after the conference that he believed a satisfactory arrangement would be reached and the Americans were hopeful that the meeting tomorrow would bring them nearer to an understanding that would be followed by ratification of the protocol, either by Carranza himself or by some one he might authorize to act for him.

The Questions Sent Out

The questions were sent out to publishers in a telegram by L. B. Palmer, manager of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. It follows:

"Answers to the following questions are earnestly desired by the Federal Trade Commission. The executive committee of the committee on paper urge you to reply fully and correctly by wire, and believe that your compliance with this request will be in your own interest as well as that of the public:

"First: Tonnage of paper used by six months periods, January 1, 1915, to December 31, 1916.

"Second: Tonnoge you want to contract for 1917.

"Third: Tonnoge you can get along on for 1917.

"Fourth: Tonnage contracted for 1917 or any part thereof with date of expiration of contract.

"Fifth: Tonnage assured or promised but not under contract for 1917, or any part thereof, with date of the expiration of said assurance".

Washington, Dec. 18—President Wilson and the cabinet already have begun consideration of ways to raise revenues to meet the threatened deficit on June 30, 1918. The President let it be known today that he had reached no conclusion, but in general was opposed to bond issues except to meet expenditures of temporary nature. He probably will address Congress on the subject later.

FRENCH BATTLESHIP AND TRANSPORT TORPEDOED?

Statement From Berlin Denied by French Admiralty.

German Report Says Submarines Badly Damaged Battleship and Torpedoed Armed Transport in the Mediterranean Sea.

Berlin, Dec. 18 (via Sayville)—An official statement issued today reads:

"A German submarine on December 12 heavily damaged a French warship of the Patrie type with a torpedo, fifty-five knots east southeast of Malta.

"Another submarine on December 11 torpedoed southeast of the Island of Pantelleria, the armed French troop transport Magheran, of 6,002 tons, with more than 1,000 white and colored troops on board."

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 18.—A French battleship of the Patrie class was torpedoed and badly damaged by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on December 12, according to an official statement issued in Berlin today. The statement also reports the torpedoing on December 11 of the "armed French transport Maghelan," a 6,000-ton vessel having on board 1,000 troops.

The statement reads: "One of our submarines in December 12 torpedoed and badly damaged a French line ship of the Patrie class, 55 knots southeast of Malta.

"Another submarine torpedoed on December 11, southeast of the island of Pantelleria (an Italian island in the Mediterranean, 60 miles southwest from Sicily), the armed French transport Maghelan, of 6,000 tons, with 1,000 white and colored troops on board."

There are only two battleships of the Patrie class, the name ship and the battleship Republique.

They displace 14,630 tons, are 489 feet long, 79 feet beam and 27 feet draught. Their armament is four 12-inch guns in turrets and ten 7.6-inch guns in the main batteries, with eighteen 6.4 inch guns in the secondary batteries. The Republique was laid down in 1901 and the Patrie in 1902. They have a complement of 742 men.

London, Dec. 18.—It was stated by the French admiralty today that there is no truth in the statement that a French man of war of the Patrie class was damaged on December 12 and that the loss of the Magnelan already had been reported.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Smallpox and an unnamed fever, thought to be typhus, have caused 500 deaths in the Ures district of Sonora, Mex., 160 miles south of the border, according to Gilbert Melcher, superintendent of the Washington mines at Huepac.

POOLING OF THE SHIPPING OF THE ENTENTE ALLIES PROPOSED

French Deputy Would Exclude All Enemy Flags After the War.

Paris, Dec. 18. — Pooling of the shipping of the Entente allies, to the exclusion of the flags of all countries now at war with them, is suggested for the economic struggle expected after the war, by Georges Ancel, a deputy from Havre, and a specialist in such questions.

As soon as the seas are open to her merchant fleet, M. Ancel says, Germany naturally will make an immediate and violent effort to recover her shipping.

It is his opinion that she expects discrimination against her flag in ports of France and Great Britain, and will endeavor to bring about a union of neutral shipping interests to be pooled with her own to help her to compete under their flags in those ports.

To checkmate this move, M. Ancel proposes the admission of neutral shipping to the pool of the Entente allies on condition that the neutrals agree not to enter any combinations with shipping interests flying the flag of any nation now at war with the Entente. This arrangement, M. Ancel points out, would have the double effect of protecting the interests of neutrals and preventing Germany from organizing pools that would enable her to use neutral flags to escape from the restrictive measures to which the German flag is likely to be subjected in French, British, Italian, Portuguese and Russian ports.

M. Ancel considers it inadmissable in any case to tolerate the flags of the Germanic coalition on equal terms in the ports of the Entente powers.

30 MEMBERS OF CREW OF THE COLOMBIAN BACK IN AMERICA

Confirm Reports of Destruction of Ships by Submarines.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Italian ship Casearetic from Genoa brought back to the United States today 30 members of the crew of the American steamship Colombian which was sunk by a German submarine on November 8 off the Spanish coast. The men, most of them horse tenders, confirmed the cable reports of the destruction by the same submarine of their ship, the Norwegian steamship Balto, and the Swedish steamship Varing, and of the transfer of the crews of all three by order of the submarine commander to the Norwegian steamship Fordalen, which landed them on the Spanish coast in life boats.

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WANT HANSON REMOVED AS RECEIVER FOR COMPRESS CO.

Action Started in Federal Court in Memphis, Tenn.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The removal of C. C. Hanson, of Memphis, as receiver for the Gulf Compress Company, which operates more than a score of cotton compresses in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma, is asked in a petition filed in Federal court here today by Ross A. Collins, attorney general for the state of Mississippi, the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Railroad Company, the Meridian Waterworks Company, of Meridian, Miss., and Verdon Davis, of Jackson, Miss.

The petition charges that Hanson has been "grossly incompetent, extravagant and arbitrary" in the administration of the affairs of the concern and alleges that "unlawful methods" have been pursued. Charges that rebates have been granted in an effort to secure business and violations of the anti-trust laws of Mississippi and Oklahoma are among the allegations made in the petition.

GOOD NEWS

Many Wilmington Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the many bad back sufferers in Wilmington are glad to learn where relief may be found. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with this tested remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

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All members urged to attend.

Visiting brothers invited to meet with us.

J. F. CLOWE,
Secretary.

THEATRICAL

"The River of Romance," a thrilling story of adventure and novel situations with Harold Lockwood and May Allison, the popular stars in the stellar roles, will be shown at the Grand today. This is a five part Metro wonderplay, produced by the Yorke Film Corporation, which assures an attraction of premier importance. The Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River was the principal background used in photographing the many colorful and picturesque scenes in "The River of Romance". While there Director Henry Otto arranged to use the famous castle of George D. Boldt, the manager of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, together with the country estate of T. A. Gillespie, the Pittsburgh millionaire, who owns one of the largest islands in the group. In addition to these locations many other beautiful places were used in staging some of the scenes.

The hero, William Kissam Kellogg (Harold Lockwood), an heir to millions, starts to demonstrate that he can make money on his own account, with the aid of a decrepit one-cylinder motor boat. His patrons, ignorant of his identity, call him "One-Cylinder Sam." To the regions of the St. Lawdence and the Thousand Islands comes the beautiful and charming Rosalind Chalamers (May Allison) from New York for a visit. She is delighted with "Sam," even though circumstances cause her to think he is a burglar. How she, being an expert on engines, comes to his rescue when his craft breaks down and pursuers are shooting at him, how both narrowly escape drowning and how he finally carries her away in true cave-man fashion before revealing his identity constitute some of the thrills with which the story abounds.

"Diamond" Sequel Today.

If you want thrills galore; if you want to see something on the screen that sends your blood tingling through your veins at a rapid rate; something that will make you grip the sides of your seat for a full half hour, do not miss the second great chapter of the thrilling sequel to "The Diamond From the Sky" which tops today's great bill at the Bijou.

You remember where it left off last week; but if you missed it you can get it from the synopsis at the beginning, where the villainous DeVaux ostensibly throws the little heir to the Stanley fortune into the sea; but you remember that the steadfast and faithful Quabba was right around in the vicinity. You can draw your own conclusion, the same as we have done, as to whether this is the last of the little Stanley heir. Personally, we think he will be heard from later.

You remember the many stirring episodes of the first chapter, and you may just bet that they will be even intensified in today's great chapter.

Joseph Girard and beautiful Neva Gerber are co-stars in a great two-reel Universal Imp mystery drama, "The Mansard Mystery" which is also on today's bill, one of the most gripping mystery detective dramas ever adapted to the screen.

Big Crowds at Royal.

Despite the disagreeable weather capacity crowds witnessed the opening performance at the new Royal theatre last night, and were pleased with the beautiful interior of Wilmington's newest and swellest vaudeville theatre. Exclamations of surprise were heard on every hand, and it is undoubtedly one of the coziest and best arranged vaudeville theatres in the State.

Danny Lund's Triangle Girls lived up to their reputation throughout the South, where they have been breaking all house records for attendance everywhere and they bid fair to do capacity business all the week at the Royal. The organization strikes one right at the beginning as far above the ordinary repertoire company seen in this territory and every member of the company is a good worker and not put in simply to fill out the required number of people.

One of the best trained dancing choruses of real pretty girls, with some of the newest and best looking costumes seen this season, is one of the strong drawing cards of Lund's show. Hy Jensen, the famous yodeler, with four years' record on the biggest Keith vaudeville time, thoroughly delighted and called for several encores on every appearance. The Triangle Trio, the niftiest singing and dancing trio ever seen in Wilmington, is another strong drawing card.

The same show will be presented again today and tonight, matinee this afternoon at 3, and at night at 7:30 and 9 o'clock.

"The Birth of a Nation."

So great has been the success of the D. W. Griffith historical spectacle "The Birth of a Nation," all over the country, that time and time again it was not possible to accommodate the crowds. Everywhere a line of intending purchasers forms at the box office in the morning and it seldom disappears until the box office closes for the evening. There is a reason for this tremendous popularity of the spectacle bearing the Griffith signature, which comes to the Academy Christmas day and Tuesday. In fact, there are many reasons, but one is the wonderful detail of the photography, the remarkable sweep and vast comprehensiveness of the multitudinous scenes. For the proper enactment of the views of battles of the Civil War upon the screen thousands of men and horses were utilized. Great numbers of men, women and children were used to give verity to pictures showing the departure of troops for the front, jubilations over victory or scenes of mob violence.

At close range is seen the great liberator, Abraham Lincoln; and his assassination in the crowded Ford's theatre is one of the most deeply impressive reproductions of an instorical happening that has ever yet been visualized on the screen.

Of great value is the accompanying music arranged by Joseph Carl Breil. In this score are melodies of war times, martial tunes, national airs, tripping dance tunes and bits of grand opera that fairly illuminate and interpret the scenes unfolded to the eye. There is always the tensest interest as the picture is shown and Griffith with rare art permits no lagging inattention. There is constant shift from grave to gay, from romance to intrigue. The play has its foundation in that sensational novel "The Clansman," but Griffith has utilized this tale only to the extent of providing a humanly appealing story which he has enveloped with the truth sof history. The Ku Klux Klan has an important part in the spectacle. The approach of the Clansmen is blood-tingling and there is no onlooker who can escape the psychological influence of the onrush of ghostly-garbed riders.

Griffith made success doubly sure by engaging actors of first rate ability who would typify and make life-like historical characters as well as those of the novelist's creation. The matinee prices will range from 25 cents to $1. The night prices will be from 25 cents to $1.50. Tickets will go on sale at Elvington's Pharmacy Thursday morning.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Rulfs, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21

RANSOM R. JONES ADJUDGED INSANE BY GUILFORD JURY.

Judge Orders That He be Held in Place of Detention.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 18.—Ransom R. Jones, the white man held for attempted criminal assault, was disposed of through a jury verdict of insanity in Guilford Superior court Saturday.

Jones, the man adjudged insane, was not placed on trial on any other issue than his sanity, the court striving to determine whether he was in a mental condition to allow him to plead. Several witnesses were heard who gave their opinions that he is insane, and the State made no effort to refute the testimony. The jury debated but a few minutes before finding that the prisoner is insane. Witnesses who declared they believed him unbalanced were Dr. W. M. Jones, Dr. F. C. Hyatt, Chief of Police Isley and Patrolmen R. Y. Skenes and C. A. Jones.

The defendant was accused of an assault with intent upon little Myrtle Luther, a 12-year-old girl, and Durham wanted him for a similar alleged offense. After the verdict of insanity Saturday Judge Webb signed an order for the admission of the man to the place of detention for the criminal insane in Raleigh, to be kept there until cured of his aberration. He will be held in jail here until room is made for him in Raleigh.

Jones was formerly a member of the North Carolina Conference, in charge of one of the circuits in the Wilmington district

MR. G. T. TOWNSEND RESIGNS.

Sort of Shake-Up in Seaboard Clerkships at Hamlet.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 18.—Mr. G. T. Townsend, who for the past two years has been the chief clerk to the division superintendent of the Seaboard at Hamlet, has resigned, and from January 1 will devote his time as one of the officers of the Maxepeace Sash & Blind Co., and to other enterprises in which he is financially interested. Superintendent Walton has not announced the name of his new chief clerk.

Another promotion in Seaboard offices is that of L. C. Holt, who for several years has been a clerk in the division engineer's offices. He will in the future be chief clerk to the engineer in charge of the construction work, with headquarters in Hamlet. C. H. Stephens, who formerly held this position, has been made chief clerk to the division engineer at Savannah.

London, Dec. 18.—Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion of England, knocked out Frankie Di Melfi, known as "Young Zulu Kid," of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the 11th round of their match today. By his victory Wilde reaffirmed his right to the title of flyweight champion of the world. The contest was to have gone 20 rounds.

DUNN GETS CITY DELIVERY

Congressman Godwin is Happy—Rural Carriers in Carolina Soon to Get Back Pay.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Hannibal L. Godwin is a happy man tonight, not that the Sixth district congressman is not always happy, but tonight he has a reason. That reason is that the Postoffice Department today told him that, effective May 1, a real, sure enough city mail delivery service will be inaugurated at Mr. Godwin's home town, Dunn, North Carolina.

Mr. Godwin explained to the officials here that, notwithstanding the fact that Dunn has not been on the map but a short thirty years, the city can boast of the best streets, the most up-to-date waterworks, electric power plant, all owned and controlled by the city, and some 5,000 of the most progressive citizens in the Universe.

Congressman Godwin also found out that the back pay due rural delivery carriers is being paid and that North Carolina will be reached within three or four weeks. The states are being handled in alphabetical order. Mr. Godwin cautions carriers not to employ lawyers. Send petitions or write letters about this money. At the proper time the local postmaster will hand the carrier a voucher for the amount and that's all there is going to be to the whole question.

The following postmasters were nominated by President Wilson today: J. Lawrence Harrington, Aulander; William Z. Gibson, Gibson; Fuller T. Currie, Pinehurst; Charlie G. Foushee, Ramseur; Wm. S. Carawan, Columbia; Otho G. Turbyfill, Huntersville; C. G. Conner, Rich Square; Margaret W. Mann, Swan Quarter. P. R. A.

ASHEVILLE COAL DEALERS ARE CHARGED WITH SHORT-WEIGHT

General Investigation of Coal Situation is Launched

(Special Star Correspondence)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 18.—With the Britt-Weaver controversy removed to Raleigh, a round-up of the alleged bootleggers and other violators of the liquor laws in full swing, Asheville was treated to a fresh sensation Saturday when the police, acting on the orders of Commissioner Ramsey, rounded up eight coal wagons, weighed them, and found each wagon from 35 to 150 pounds light.

As a result of the short weights discovered in weighing the coal wagons, a general investigation of the coal situation in Asheville was launched by the city commissioners, and bids fair to become decidedly sensational before it is completed.

Judge W. F. Brown, appearing as a private citizen before the board of commissioners Saturday, charged that washwomen, too poor to buy coal by the ton, buy it in hundred pound sacks at 50 cents a sack, and many of these sacks, he charged, were under weight, thus cheating the poor women while charging them at the rate of $10 a ton for their coal.

Talking before the board of commissioners, Commissioner Ramsey said that he had "all the evidence possible to get" and remarked that it was certainly remarkable that of all the mistakes found in the various wagons, none was found to be overweight.

QUITS NATIONAL GUARD FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGESHIP

Capt. Albert Cox Appointed to Succeed Judge Cooke—Accepts

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—Governor Craig commissioned Albert L. Cox, now doing Mexican border service with the North Carolina National Guard, to be Superior court Judge, succeeding Judge Charles M. Cooke, of Louisburg, who resigned a few weeks ago on account of advanced age and failing health.

Captain Cox will accept the judgeship and will present to the United States and the State military authorities at once his resignation from the National Guard. He is now in Raleigh on a thirty days furlough. He will not return to the camp in Texas at all.

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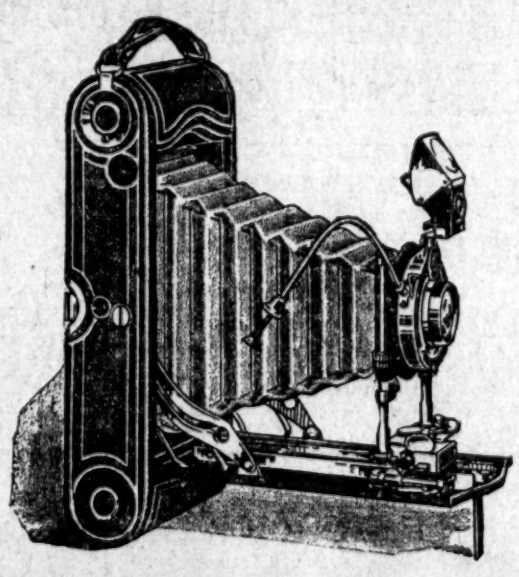

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born.
Till the hearts of the people keep time in accord,
And the voice of the world is the voice of the Lord.
—WHITTIER.

Have you done your Christmas shipping yet?

Stop, look and listen! Somebody may be after your goat—on some proposition or other.

Old 1916 is in its whiskers days. It will soon go the way of all the whiskers contingent.

The greatest Christmas gift that could be presented to the world this year would be peace.

We can imagine no tragedy in childhood greater than the Christmas morning empty stocking?

After having been married for some time, a man named Pete says he has decided to call his better half Repeat.

You can't do your Christmas shipping very early, but you might do it today, if you haven't done it already.

Buyers and sellers continue to want something for nothing, but the sellers are getting the best of it at this time.

Think of the first Christmas and then think of many millions of men spending Christmas on the battle fronts!

It would seem that as long as flour is selling at 6 cents a pound or less, housewives could bake their own bread for less than 12 cents a pound.

El Paso ought to enlarge her police force so it can protect the army. Every now and then somebody takes an automobile away from the army.

It is stated that a man at Pittsfield, Mass., eats 28 pancakes for breakfast every morning. Some of these days that is all the evidence that the coroner will need.

Will Santa Claus discriminate against any child in Wilmington this year because of its poverty? If so, what must such child think of the quality of goodness attributed to the old "saint?"

Villa is apt to believe the peristent reports of an insurrection in the United States when he reads in the papers that "the Baptists are making a vigorous attack upon General Funston".

The Grand Rapids Press winds up its Christmas advice this way: "Another reason for getting your Christmas shopping done early this time is so that you may begin saving for an Easter egg."

"Greensboro is a big town", says the Daily News. Well, it is some town, yet we remember when it was a dull village. We believe that it had a future, however, and thought of going there to grow up with the city.

There is general complaint all over the country that public officials are paid more and work less than the same class of ability otherwise employed. Somebody somewhere says they ought to work longer during the hard times. They never thought of that.

Says the Washington Herald: "Now if General Wood would just inform us with what nation we are to have that little war he speaks of, he would be doing the country a real service." He really can't say which nation is liable to pick a row with this country. He is not able to guess which one will be the first to call us down for meddling in foreign affairs. Americans seem to think it is our business to call other nations down about their conduct.

A CONGRESS THAT COMES DEAR.

In addition to the high cost of living now distressing the people, with not a single immediately applicable remedy in sight, they have to bear an additional burden in the increased cost of Congress. Not content with the mileage grab, for which no reasonable excuse can be given, Congress now proposes to increase the salaries of Federal officeholders on account of the high cost of living. The congressmen have raised the pay of their own clerks from $1,000 to $2,000 and provided themselves additional clerks at $75 per month. After a while, it can be ventured, the salaries of those clerks will be increased. It is safe to say that $75 is only a starter.

All told, the present Congress has increase the expense of conducting that body by just $418,000 a year. While the national government is facing a deficit, the majority of the Democratic House, contrary to the protest of the chairman of the House Appropriations committee, Congressman John J. Fitzgerald, voted the salary increase and extra clerk hire. Evidently Congress does not propose to bear its proportion of the high cost of living, but it proposes to pass its share down to the masses who are already burdened beyond their ability to bear. The country isn't any richer than the people who have to foot its bills, but the statesmen at Washington seem to think so. Possibly they think the burden will fall on the rich, but such things as taxes and expenses are passed on down to producers of every description. In the abstract, congressmen think the cost of running the government comes out of the rich, whereas, in the concrete the economic result of taxation and expenses reaches all the way down to every man, woman and child in America. Chairman Fitzgerald plainly told the House a few days ago that there was no excuse for increasing expenses in a crisis like this and that the people would be heard from all over the country. He said:

"This proposition is not something to help the clerk. You may fool the people, but do not try to fool a man who has been here as long as I have been. This proposition is to protect ourselves. This is a preparedness measure. * * * We are proposing to equip ourselves at the expense of the public so that our campaigns will not be neglected. For the current fiscal year there will be a deficiency of $30,000,000 and that will reduce the surplus in the Treasury to about $113,000,000. In the next fiscal year, not contemplating some of the things Congress will do on its own motion, the estimated deficit is the trifling sum of $284,000,000. The estimates for the Army and Navy alone are about $25,000,000 more than all the money raised in the year 1915 by taxation, and in a time like this, when not only will it be necessary to issue a large number of bonds and greatly increase the public debt, but to seek out novel and new methods of taxation in order to obtain money to pay the ordinary running expenses of the government, we propose to increase the cost of conducting this body, this body that is doing so much for the welfare of the people, by half a million dollars, and upon the plea either that we are not sufficiently competent ourselves to perform the obligations of a member of Congress or the equally fictitious plea that the cost of living requires us to increase the pay of our assistants by 33 per cent, something not proposed in any other place in the United States or elsewhere. We ought to have the courage to make some sacrifices ourselves. The country will be compelled to do so and we ought to set the example. We ought to do a little more work, work a little longer, speed up a bit."

Mr. Fitzgerald made a plain statement of the facts, but the congressmen, unmindful of fair warning, went in face of his protest. Of all times on earth to increase expenses, this is the last, and certainly no explanation that can be made will find credence among the people.

It might be different, but this same Congress which is so ready to increase expenses in the face or a treasury deficit and the high cost of living as well, has displayed no capability for economic legislation that will even up the burden on the masses. Congress simply increases that burden, which the law of economy inflicts as a penalty on all classes, with the bottom class ultimately footing the bill.

"THE PLACE OF THE SOUTH IS ON THE MAP."

Have we the proper homeseeker preparedness at the South? What would we say to homeseekers in large numbers were they to inquire of us if there were opportunities for them to locate in this State? We would write, "Yes," which is entirely too indefinite, for what inquirers several hundred miles away want to find out are definite details about actual opportunities that they can come down and look over.

We can't see why the widest interest is not taken in the South by people all over America at this time. The South never before got so much publicity in all its existence as it is now getting in Northern newspapers and magazines. It is free publicity at that, given as a matter of great popular interest because of the peculiar conditions which have turned the eyes of all the world towards the South.

In discussing 20 cents cotton recently, even the London Observer commented upon the fortunate condition of the South and marveled at the adaptabilities of a country that can grow the world's cotton, produce the world's tobacco and at the same time feed itself and also do more than any other portion of the world towards feeding the world. Well, it really is a fact that the South can grow abundantly all the foodstuffs and produce all the meat animals that any other part of the world can produce and yet be practically the only portion of the habitable globe to which the world can look for the largest part of its needed cotton. Besides that, there is the South's great tobacco production and its adaptability for growing both food and feedstuff that no other country can grow as can the South. Surely, "the place of the South is on the map" at this time, as was said in a recent address by former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana. No finer tribute could be paid to the South than that paid by the distinguished and brilliant Indianian, so we quote here some of his words, in order that we may note the impression that the South has made upon him:

"Southward the star of empire ought now to take its way. The future belongs to the South if the men of the South will only have it so. Southern farm land under your rare climate, can yield more for the feeding and clothing of the world than any like acreage on earth, and these fertile fields now give only a small part of the wealth they are meant to give and can be made to give. Southern mines are as rich in iron, coal and other minerals as any on the globe, and these storehouses of usefulness are as yet almost untouched. Southern water power is greater than that of New England or the far Northwest, and most of it runs unharnessed to the sea. Southern timber equals the stumpage of that of Russia and the greater part of it is still unused.

"The place of the South on the map of the world ought to make it the heart of industry and civilization. The greatest system of waterways on the globe gathers into a mighty trunk line which pours through the South to find its outlet in your southern gulf. This vast land protected sea is an ocean in itself, giving to the South trade advantages which, if used, would be unrivaled. The great Panama Canal opens the commerce of mankind to the South more than any other single part of the republic. From Norfolk to Galveston, the South has a chain of seaports, the poorest of which is as good as those of England.

"And the people of the South are as yet of almost pure descent from the first American stock. Theirs is a fighting blood, which counts no cost when standing for what they believe to be right. Theirs is a love for that idealism which alone makes prosperity worth while and which alone can save present-day craze for money-getting from rotting the heart of the Nation. Theirs, too, is an aptitude for statesmanship and gift for public thinking coming down from forefathers whose work in founding the republic is one of the priceless traditions of the American people."

That surely is good scrap book material. As fine as was the estimate of Senator Beveridge, the half has neither been told nor revealed. Indeed, how little we really know of the magnitude of Southern opportunities ourselves! Senator Beveridge says it is simply up to us of the South. So it is.

THE CITY WITH THE FINEST SCHOOLS.

Wilmington leads North Carolina in fine public schools. That is what Editor Wade Harris, of the Charlotte Observer, has said. We have said it, too, but The Observer as a disinterested witness makes it more impressive. The Observer's latest reference to it is this appreciated editorial remark:

"We had been under the impression that the city of Wilmington was pretty well equipped with school buildings. Certainly it has more school houses and finer ones than any other city in North Carolina. Yet Wilmington does not seem satisfied. The school committeemen of both Wilmington and New Hanover county have given unanimous endorsement to a move for an issue of $250,000 for the further equipping of the county and city with school buildings, provision being made for the erection of a new high school building in Wilmington. The Legislature will pass the act in January and the people of Wilmington will do the rest. The good old plan of voting bonds for school purposes seems to be gaining renewed popularity. It might not be a bad idea for Charlotte to join hands with Wilmington in the better educational facilities movement."

Wilmingtonians have reason to be proud that their city has such a splendid reputation abroad. The schools and the streets and the highways of Wilmington and New Hanover county, constituting practically one municiapIty, are this community's greatest acquired assets. They indicate a thrifty and substantial development of the most remarkable character.

Yet Wilmington needs more schools and it is a sign that she is growing in physical proportions as well as in the splendid opportunities that make for an enlightened and more progressive people. Wilmington has large and fine public school buildings, but the school attendance has outgrown them in the brief span of two or three years. The schools are over-crowded and at least one more handsome district school has to be provided. Instead of building one, it is proposed to erect a handsome high school and use the present High School building for the district school that is imperative.

Col. Robert S. Galloway, a Memphis capitalist, blames "hand-to-mouth" living with the high cost of living. We live out of paper bags, he says, when we ought to live out of barrels or purchase in large quantity the things that we know that we are obinged to have. Colonel Galloway says that is the way it was done in "the good old days". We guess that is about the way it is done now by those who have the money to buy in large quantities, but that doesn't help the millions who have only money enough to buy one or two days' or a week's rations at the time. This is the day when money comes in dribs to most people who buy daily what they need.

Horse steak is reported to be selling in Europe at 75 cents a pound. That isn't the worst thing about war. All the young men of many European families have been absolutely obliterated from the face of the earth. We are in favor of the League to enforce Peace on fool nations which are for war.

CURRENT COMMENT.

When it comes to optimism, pass it to Gen. Julian S. Carr. The General was in Washington last week and submitted to an interview by a Post reporter. He tells of having traveled all over the country, North, East, West and South, and declares he has never known business to be so prosperous as at present. He says there simply could not be greater activity, and expressing his convictions for the future, said: "I don't believe that the end of the war will bring about a depression. I am confident, on the contrary, that there will be so much work in this country not only supplying our own people, but in helping poor depopulated and stricken Europe, that there will be fully ten years of work for our people, work enough to keep us going at full speed"—Charlotte Observer.

As an example of much in little, this paragraph from the Wilmington Star is altogether worthy of note: "No town can live on itself. It is compelled to have territorial trade. No nation can live on itself. It is compelled to have international trade." No community can grow rich and prosperous which confines its trading to its own borders and no country can add to its wealth by restricting its commerce to its own people. In failure or refusal to recognize this fact lies the fallacy of the doctrine of protective tariffs approximating the prohibitive. Commerce between nations is international barter—the swapping of commodities—and to such a transaction there must necessarily be two parties. In proportion as we close by artificial barriers our markets to the products of other countries, in just that proportion do we shut our products out of the markets of other countries. It is impossible to dam a channel one way without also and at the same time damming it in the other. To shut out imports is also to shut in exports, and the country pursuing such a policy so condemns itself practically to commercial isolation and places a limit upon its own progress and prosperity.—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

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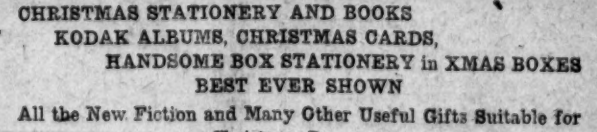

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BOND ISSUE SOUGHT FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Establishment of Juvenile Court is Endorsed by Board.

Commissioners Ask Authority to Issue Bonds to Build Pumping Station at County Institutions—Auditor's Report.

Preliminary steps towards making $4,000 worth of improvements at the work house and the county home, the adoption of a resolution authorizing the continuation of the road from Winter Park across the Gordon road to Wrightsboro, the endorsement of the establishment of the juvenile court in the afternoon by Recorder George Harriss; and the receipt and filing of the annual report of County Auditor J. A. Orrell, constituted the main features of an adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held yesterday afternoon.

Members of the board attending yesterday's meeting included Commissioners Addison Hewlett, W. D. MacMillan, Jr., J. T. Kerr and chairman W. A. McGirt.

In order that certain necessary improvements may be made at the county institutions and an indebtedness of $13,000 now due on the Work House may be taken up, the county attorneys, Bellamy & Bellamy, were authorized to draft a bill to be introduced in the next Legislature authorizing the board to issue $17,000 worth of bonds to take up the $13,000 indebtedness and to make a further expenditure of $2,500 for the installation of a pumping plant and laundry, and the balance of $1,500 for the installation of a system of waterworks, sewers and lights. The resolution also recommends that the representative from this county, L. Clayton Grant, Esq., and the senator from this district, E. H. Cranmer, Esq., do all in their power to insure the speedy enactment of this legislation.

With a view to linking up several of the principal highways of the county a resolution was also adopted providing that inasmuch as the board last July adopted the location of a road of the width of 40 feet leading from Winter Park to the Gordon road, that the road be continued from the Gordon road to Wrightsboro, the same to be a public road and blue prints to be prepared by Mr. J. L. Becton, civil engineer, and the county road superintendent.

Juvenile Court.

Recorder Harriss appeared before the board and gave notice that in accordance with the law authorizing same, he had established an afternoon session of his court for the trial of juvenile offenders and had appointed Mr. Odis B. Hinnant as permanent probation officer of the court. On motion of Chairman W. A. McGirt, the board went on record as heartily endorsing the Recorder's action as an advanced and humane method of dealing with delinquent children.

Recorder Harriss stated that hereafter all juvenile offenders would be given hearings separate from the regular session of Recorder's court, and that with the co-operation of the police department and the county sheriff such incorrigibles will not be placed in cells with other adult criminals.

Commissioner W. D. MacMillan, Jr., called the attention of the Recorder to the fact that the superintendent of the Jackson Training School at Concord had suggested that he could care for such offenders from any county to the number of 30, provided the county would build a cottage to house the boys.

In reply to the suggestion that it might be wise some time in the future for the county to build such a cottage, Recorder Harris stated that he understood that under the law only such boys as have been convicted of crime can be sent to the Reform school at Concord. He added that he was not ready to make any recommendation just yet, but that he was of the opinion that there is sufficient land out at the county farm for the establishment of an institution to care for and train these offenders, whether they have been convicted of crime or have merely been adjudged incorrigibles or delinquents. He also stated that he thought that it would be better to keep them here in this county.

Auditor's Report

In commenting upon the figures contained in his report for the year ending November 30, 1916, Auditor Orrell states that the collection of "Back Taxes" shows some increase, the collections for the year being $4,191.67, but as the taxes on property sold in 1915, amounted to $4,773.04, there is still no reduction in the total amount outstanding, which he estimates as being approximately $30,000 owing the county for back taxes. That is, although more than $4,000 worth of back taxes was collected during the year, fresh accessions to the list of those on this list during the year totaled about the same figure.

OLD WINTER RETURNS

Stayed Away A Day But Like The Cat He Came Back

After an absence of 24 hours during which time, Wilmington enjoyed ideal weather, old man winter returned yesterday, and brought with him the coldest blast that he could find in the regions around the north pole. Some of the gusts that whistled down Front street last night, would have made an Eskimo squeel with delight, and remind him of his home in the frozen north.

To make matters worse, the old boy stopped along somewhere at a snow party and brought back a cold biting rain that chilled every one it touched. Toward nightfall this wind and rain combination became a regular little hurricane, and for a time threatened to put wires out of commission in the city.

While nobody in this vicinity could doubt but that a small storm was already here the following warning was received by Observer Feiger last night:

"Hoist southeast storm warnings 11 a. m. Chincoteague to Wilmington. Disturbance over northern Alabama moving northeast and increasing. Strong east and southwest winds this afternoon and tonight, shifting to southwest and west by Tuesday morning. Northeast warnings Boston to Baltimore, and southwest warnings Southport to Jacksonville."

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Rulfs, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21

BRAVES AND YANKEES PLAY AT SUNSET PARK

Big League Teams Will Clash Here on April 4, 1917.

Business Manager Hapgood of Braves in Wilmington Last Night—Signed Contract With Local Promotors for Game.

"And Evers and Gowdy and Baker and Bill,
Will show the rookies the way."

For the first time in the history of Wilmington sporting circles, two big league baseball teams are scheduled to clash on a local diamond. According to a contract signed last night by Mr. Walter E. Hapgood, business manager of the Boston National League Club, and Messrs. W. E. Price, John W. Blomme and others of Wilmington, the Boston Braves, of the National League, former world's champions, and the New York Yankees, of the American League, will play an exhibition game at Sunset Park on April 4, 1917.

The contract further specifies that each team will present their regular line-up, and not a makeshift team of rookies fresh from the bushes. The players who participate in the Wilmington game, will line up exactly as they will when the big league season opens eight days later. There will be 35 players on each squad, but the substitutes will take no part in the game.

The Braves will be under the care of manager George Tecumseh Stallings, known to the sporting fraternity as the "Miracle Man" and Capt. John J. Evers, one of the greatest infielders who ever performed under the big tent. The Yankees will be commanded by their famous pilot "Wild Bill" Donovan, and Capt. Rober Peckinpaugh.

Other diamond celebrities who will appear in the Boston line-up will be: "Rabbit" Maranville, acknowledged as the premier shortstop in the National League; "Hank" Gowdy, famous backstop, whose terrible bat drove Chief Bender from the mound for the first time in his world's series career; Dick Rudolph, Bill James, Ed Reulbach, the only slabman who ever twirled a one-hit game in a world's series; Sherwood Magee, Fred Snodgrass, Red Smith, George Tyler, Arthur Nehf and Tom Hughes.

In the Yankee camp will gambol such stars as "Home Run" Baker, Lee Magee, Fritz Maisel and Ed Konetchy.

The teams will arrive in Wilmington on the evening of April 3, the Braves coming fro mtheir training camp at coming from their training camp at They will play a total of ten exhibition games, including Florence, Columbia and Fayetteville. A game will be played in Fayetteville on April 5, after which the Yankees will go to Brooklyn for a series with the Brooklyn National League champions, and the Braves will return to Boston, where they will play Yale, Harvard and Tufts before the beginning of the National League season.

Fourteen noted baseball writers eight from Boston and six from New York, will accompany the teams. Among the scribes who will be present will be J. C. O'Leary, Boston Globe; A. J. McGrath, Boston Post; N. J. Flaherty, Boston Herald; John W. Moran, Boston American; Harry Schumaker, New York Evening Mail; Sid Mercer, New York Evening Post; W. J. Macbeth, New York Tribune; Fred G. Lieb, New York Sun.

With the exception of Wilmington, all games played by the two teams on this tour will be staged under the auspices of the Chambers of Commerce. The game here, however, is a private arrangement between Messrs. Price, Blomme and the baseball clubs. Mr. Hapgood left early this morning for Florence. While in the city he was a guest at the Wilmington.

DISCUSS FOOD EMBARGO.

Young Men of the Speakers' Club Make Eloquent Addresses.

The question of having an embargo on foodstuffs for a period of six months in order to reduce the high cost of living occupied the attention of the members of the Speakers' Club at the Y. M. C. A. last night. The speakers waxed quite eloquent in presenting the arguments for and against such a measure and the judges found it a hard proposition to decide as to which side had won. However, they finally by a two to one vote gave the negative the decision.

Those speaking for the affirmative were Messrs. K. B. Knudsen and Emmett Bellamy and those representing the negative were Messrs. L. F. Duvall and John A. Livingston. Rev. J. E. Reynolds presided at the meeting.

"Resolved, That the United States should effectively intervene in Mexico in order to establish a stable government," was the query chosen for the next debate. Messrs. L. R. Hummell and H. Q. Thompson will represent the affirmative and Messrs. E. N. Kennickell and Harrison Symmes the negative.

DEATH OF MRS. WHITLOCK

Esteemed Woman Passed Away Shortly After 8 o'clock Last Night

Mrs. Jessie Barnes Whitlock, wife of Mr. O. O. Whitlock, passed away at her home No. 20 South 15th street at 8:20 last night after an illness of nearly a year. While her death was not entirely unexpected, the grief of her relatives and friends is none the less poignant.

Mrs. Whitlock was for many years a faithful and consistent member of Calvary Baptist church. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, little Miss Jessebeth, aged 3, her father Mr. D. F. Barnes, two brothers, Messrs. D. F. Barnes, Jr., and W. P. Barnes, all of Wilmington, and one sister, Mrs. M. L. Middleton, of Norfolk, Va.

Funeral services will be conducted from the residence at 9:30 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. Interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

—The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: W. A. Dick, trustee, to W. L. Futrelle, property at Carolina Court, $5 and other valuable considerations; Fidelity Trust and Development Company to octave. A Wiggins and wife, property at Sunset Park, $100 and other considerations Nonie F. King to Benjamin H. Johnson, property at Love Grove, consideration, $100.

JUDGE CONNOR DENIES CREDITORS' PETITION

McKinnon Company, of Maxton, Not Adjudged to be Bankrupt.

Federal Judge Says Dissatisfaction With State Courts Without Proof of Fraud No Reason to Stop Receivership.

Since there was no allegation of fraud and no evidence to support the petition for bankruptcy proceedings against the McKinnon Company, of Maxton, which was filed in Federal court here September 30, 1916, except the statement of one of the petitioning creditors that he was dissatisfied with the receivership action in the State court, Judge H. G. Connor has dismissed the petition at the cost of the petitioners.

The petition was filed by M. Rosenman & Son, of Wilmington, and the Standard Oil Company and the Kuester-Lowe Company, of Charlotte, whose claims against the concern amounted to about $600, and they asked that the company be adjudged bankrupt because in a suit instituted in Superior court July 29, 1916, its assets and property were placed in the hands of a receiver.

The largest creditor was the Bank of Maxton and it resisted the steps taken to have bankruptcy proceedings brought against the mercantile concern. The petitioners were represented by John D. Bellamy & Son, of Wilmington, while J. G. McCormick, Esq., of this city and McLean & McKinnon, of Maxton, appeared for the McKinnon Company, and G. B. Patterson, Esq., of Maxton, represented the Bank of Maxton.

Judge Connor in announcing his decision writes a long and exhaustive opinion in which after reviewing the evidence in the matter he discussed the legal points involved, citing numerous authorities in support of his position. He sets forth the fact that J. E. Carpenter, Esq., of Maxton, who was appointed as receiver, is a man in whom all the creditors had the highest confidence and that Mr. M. Rosenman had written him that he was glad that he was appointed.

The Bank of Maxton tried to make a settlement with the smaller creditors which was refused, says the court, and there was no intimation by any of the creditors of any dissatisfaction over the receivership until after the stock of merchandise and the real estate had been sold and practically all collectible assets reduced to cash and there was nothing left for the receiver to do except to pass upon claims and make the disbursements of the proceeds.

Every creditor except the Kuester-Lowe Company, of Charlotte, says the opinion, had filed a claim with the receiver and it is pointed out that Mr. M. Rosenman, who was the only petitioning creditor who testified, admitted that J. E. Carpenter advised him of the receivership and that such action as the receiver had taken in the premises was known to Mr. Rosenman.

No allegation or proof of fraud was made and no evidence introduced to support the bankruptcy proceedings, says the court, except the testimony of Mr. Rosenman that he was dissatisfied with the State courts. The court points out that the other creditors besides the petitioners had filed petitions or affidavits that they were satisfied that the administration had been properly conducted and that an action in bankruptcy would only decrease the assets without gain to the creditors. The court found as a fact that this was true and that the evidence offered no good grounds for sustaining the petition and that the conduct of the Standard Oil Company and of M. Rosenman & Son had been such as to estop them from becoming parties to a bankrupt proceedings.

The court then cites a long list of authorities, including Circuit Judges Taft and Lurton in support of the findings of the opinion. Judge Connor decided that in view of the fact that the petition was not before the court, he would not pass upon the question of insufficient verification raised by the respondent but directed that action be dismissed.

BIG BONUS IS GIVEN TO THE WILMINGTON EMPLOYES

Southern Bell Telephone Company to Give Extra Compensation

While no official announcement has yet been received here, employes of the Southern Bell Telegraph & Telegraph Company in Wilmington will receive a bonus of approximately $2,000, according to the terms of the official announcement made elsewhere. The bonus is to be distributed by the company, according to an official announcement, in an effort to meet an emergency brought about by the existing high cost of living and is in no sense of a profit sharing plan.

According to Mr. Morgan B. Speir, of Charlotte, general manager for the Carolinas, approximately $40,000 will be distributed in the states of North and South Carolina. The official announcement of the feature is as follows:

"Employes who have been in the service for more than one year and who are receiving $3,000 or less a year, will receive the equivalent of three week's pay while those of the same class who have been in the service for more than three months, but less than one year, will receive the equivalent of two week's pay. Employes receiving more than $3,000 and less than $5,000, also will participate in the payment but not in the same proportion as those receiving a lesser rate of pay."

Infant Buried Yesterday.

Jack, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beale, of No. 113 South Second street, who passed away Sunday, was buried at Bellevue cemetery at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral services were conducted from the residence.

Stomach ills

permanently disappear after drinking the celebrated Shivar Mineral Water. Positively guaranteed by money-back offer. Tastes fine; costs a trifle. Delivered anywhere by

per Wilmington Agents. Elvington's Pharmacy, Cor 2nd and Princess Sts.

MOTHER MADE BOY BEG

Consequently He Landed in Recorder's Court—Many Vagrants are Discharged.—Other Cases.

Ragged, unkempt and dirty, but with shining eyes that looked the world squarely in the face, Allie Williams, aged 10, was haled into the Juvenile session of the Recorder's court yesterday morning and unfolded a tale of pathos and hardships that is seldom paralleled in the everyday rountine of the court.

The boy had been summoned to court by Plainclothesman D. W. Coleman, on a charge of repeatedly and continually begging on the streets and of being an incorrigible. When questioned by the Recorder, the little fellow told how he was forced by his mother to beg on the streets of the city for a livehood. He said that his father was away, he knew not where, and that his mother was his only relative, at least the only one he knew.

After hearing his story, Recorder Harriss paroled him in the custody of Probation Officer Odis B. Hinnant for a period of 6 months. Frank Caime and James Mason, charged with stealing fire works from the Beery Department Store on Castle street, drew the same sentence Mattie Williams, colored, charged with vagrancy, was the only other defendant to appear in the juvenile session. She was recognized

In the regular session of the court, one of the heaviest dockets that has as yet faced Recorder Harriss was disposed of. John J. Moore, white, charged with passing a worthless check entered a nolo contendere, and paid the costs; Viola Davis and Lubefta Clark, colored, were found guilty of larceny, and were sentenced to the county farm for 60 days each, the commissioners being granted permission to hire them out; Maggie McArthur, colored running a disorderly house, had her case nol prossed; Bessie Wilson, and Maggie Forman, colored, paid the costs for vagrancy; Nol prosses were taken in the cases of Carry Franks and Ethel Kennedy, colored, charged with the same offense; Luke McNeil, colored, vagrancy, received 30 days in default of costs; Minnie Council colored, vagrancy, nol pros; L. V. Gue, white, paid the costs for an assault on a female, and Charles Mosley, colored, did likewise, for a violating the driving ordinance.

TO DONATE BASKETS FOR POOR.

Southside Church Will Give 100 Baskets to Needy Families.

It was announced yesterday by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, that a committee from the congregation of his church were going to make a strong effort to deliver 100 Christmas baskets to the poor of the city. Anyone wishing to contribute either provisions for these baskets or cash to purchase same may communicate with Mr. Hall, or with either Mr. Hardy Lanier, chairman, or Mr. H. J. McRae, treasurer, of the committee.

Efforts will be made to have each basket contain at least $1.00 worth of provisions. Anyone who does not feel able to contribute this much may donate any portion of it they may see fit. All persons knowing the names of deserving poor are requested to leave them with the committee.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors, Wilmington Shoe Co.
(Advertisement).

LEAVES FOR CHARLOTTE TODAY

Local Movie Men Go to Semi-Annual Convention in Piedmont City.

President P. W. Wells, of the North Carolina Motion Picture Exhibitors League, and Messrs. B. H. Stephens, M. S. Nathan, and D. M. Bain will leave this morning for Charlotte, where they will attend the semi-annual convention of the exhibitor's league, which will be held in that city on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

According to reports from Charlotte, the committee has for several days been making arrangements for the meeting and all indications are that the movie men will have a royal entertainment. Besides the large number of exhibitors who will attend, a number of noted screen stars and producers are expected to be present.

Christmas Gifts

That are Appreciated by the Recipient and Show the Thoughtfulness of the Donor.

A DIME SAVINGS BANK
Which We Will Give You, and You Can Place Therein One or Several Small Coins.

A NEW GOLD COIN
Placed in a Neat, Small Coin Holder, and Sent With Your Christmas Wishes.

These are Real Christmas presents, and we suggest them to you. Our bank Always Provides a large supply of New Currency, Gold and Silver, for its friends, during the Christmas season and will be pleased to serve you.

"OLD AND STRONG."

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK
COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS.

NEW MONEY FOR XMAS.

GOLD SILVER CURRENCY

As Has Been Our Custom for Many Years Past, We Have Laid in a Supply of New Money for the Christmas Needs of Our Customers.

It Will Be Our Pleasure To Serve You

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company
110 Princess Street
Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

Make this a Practical Gift Giving Christmas

and Come to This Store for Them.

Every Counter Is Crowded With Practical Gifts and Ones Your Friends Will Appreciate. Come This Morning While Our Aisles Are Not So Crowded.

Practical Gifts For Men

Bath Robes, with Slippers to match, $3.50 to $6.00
Sweaters, all colors, 48c to $4.95.
Rain Coats, all colors and sizes, $3.98 to $12.50.
Overcoats, Raglan or Pinch Back, $6.50 to $17.00.
Suits in all the latest styles, $6.95 to $17.00.
Shoes, Black or Tan, $2.00 to $5.50.
Gloves, any size, 50c to $2.50.
Suit Cases and Hand Bags, 98c to 15.00.
Neckwears, 25c to $1.25.
Hosiery, 10c to 50c.

Practical Gifts For Women

Bath Robes, all the new colors, $2.50 to $5.00.
Kimonos, crepe, flannel or silk, 98c to $12.50.
Coats, in all the new styles, $4.98 to $39.50.
Sweaters, all colors, silk or wool, $1.98 to $9.95.
Silk Hose, 25c, 50c, 69c, $1.00 and $1.25.
Towel Sets, special prices for Christmas, 98c set.
Shoes, Regular or High Boots, $1.50 to $7.50.
All Wool or Mixed Wool Blankets, $2.95 to $7.50.
Counterpanes, $98c to $2.50.
Snow Flake Cotton Comforts, $2.50 to $3.95.

Holiday Handkerchiefs

Put up in attractive Holiday Boxes or Folders.

Children's, 10c, 15c and 25c box.

Ladies', 15c to $1.50 per box.

Men's, 85c to $1.50 per box.

Men's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, not boxed, 15c and 18c.

Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs, not boxed, 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

Table Linens

Soon there will be no such thing as real Linen Table Damask in this country, unless the war stops. The ones we are offering now are worth almost twice what we are asking. Give Linens this Christmas, and you give the choicest of gifts.

72-in. Linens, $1.25, $1.39, $1.48, $1.68 and $1.98.

Napkins, $2.50 to $5.00 per doz.

First Floor.

Rugs For Gifts

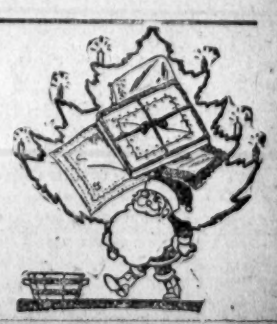
Every woman who owns her home is ever ready for New Rugs, and nothing could be of more service.

9x12 Axminster, $24.75 to $39.50.
9x12 Brussels, $14.50 to $19.95.
9x12 Wool Fiber, $8.75 to $10.50.
9x12 Willow Grass, $8.75.

Also big line of smaller sizes, in all the desirable materials.

Third Floor.

Store Now Open Evenings Until 9 o'clock. Goods Sold After Six P. M. Will be Delivered the Following Day. Carry Small Packages With You.



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SOCIAL

Mrs. H. B. Hunter, of Portsmouth, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Shinberger, No. 221 South Fifth avenue.

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The ladies of the Delgado Presbyterian Sunday school held a very successful Christmas sale last night in the Marion Sprunt Kindergarten.

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Miss Florence LeGrand, who has been spending the autumn months in Savannah, Ga., with her cousin, Mrs. A. B. Hull, has returned home.

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Mrs. W. A. Leitch leaves this morning for Fort Myers, Fla., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents at their winter home there.

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Four hundred and forty-seven Red Cross seals were disposed of in the postoffice building yesterday, by the representatives of the local chapter of the Red Cross. Mrs. S. Mendelsohn will be chaperone for today.

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Asheville Times: "Mrs. Thomas Settle entertained with a beautifully appointed luncheon party at her home, Orton on Pearson Drive on Monday for Mrs. W. A. Williams, of Wilmington, N. C., who is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Johnston."

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes will leave today for Lynchburg, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Hughes' mother. After the holidays Mr. Hughes will leave for St. Louis. They wish to extend to their many friends and acquaintances every good wish for a happy Christmas.

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The oyster roast to be given at Lumina, Wrightsville Beach, on Saturday afternoon, December 30th, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church promises to be a most enjoyable affair. Special cars will be operated from Front and Princess streets. Tickets have been placed on sale at the C. W. Yates Company and C. W. Polvogt & Co. The public is invited to take part in the event and it is hoped that as many as can do will buy tickets this week.

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Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 18.—Geo. L. Flowers, son of ex-Postmaster W. J. Flowers, and a well known young man of this place, and Miss Addie Wadsworth, daughter of Mrs. O. E. Wadsworth, who lives a few miles from here, in Grantham's township, were quietly married Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. T. Pelt, of the Friends' church, at his home near the home of the bride's mother. Mr. Flowers runs a small farm a mile or two west of town and he and Mrs. Flowers will make their future home on the farm.

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Wallace, N. C., Dec 18.—Mrs. Stephen H. Colwell has returned from Wilmington, where she has been with her daughter, Miss Margaret, who is at James Walker Memorial hospital, where she has undergone an operation for appendicitis. Friends will be glad to learn that she is doing nicely.—Dr. Thos. M. Green and Mr. Henry McMillan, of Wilmington, were the guests of Dr. J. W. Carroll Friday. They came upon the Thursday night train and all spent Friday bird hunting on Mr. S. H. Colwell's place as his guests. After a bountiful 6 o'clock dinner served by Mrs. Colwell, they drove back to town in time to catch the train, which was rather late, with a string of birds long and heavy enough to excite the envy of any sportaman.—Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. James A. Cavenaugh, who was operated upon last week at James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington, is doing well, and expects to be able to come home in a few days.

CITY TEACHERS DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL METHODS

Interesting Programme Is Carried Out at Meeting at Hemenway School

At a meeting of the teachers of the city schools held at 4 o'clock at the Hemenway school called for the purpose of discussing and exchanging views on improved methods of teaching the various subjects in which instruction is given in the public schools, all of the 23 teachers in attendance made reports on the topics assigned them. The subjects and various sub-divisions thereof which were discussed included spelling, penmanship and language.

Various phrases of above subjects were reported upon by Miss Anna Cavenaugh, Miss Emma King, Miss Pickard, Miss Carrie King, Mrs. Orrell, Miss Carpenter, Mrs. Clarke and Miss Exum, all of Cornelius Harnett school.

The study of grammar was discussed by Miss Lucile Cavenaugh, Miss Edith Sidbury, and Miss Elizabeth LeGwin, of the Hemenway school, while Mrs. E. P. Brock of the same school reported on the subject of "Reading".

The teachers of the Isaac Bear Memorial school reported on subjects as follows: Miss Symmes on "Musical Apology", Miss McClees on "Musical Appreciation", Miss Thompson on "The Study of Music", Miss Bell on "Motivation", and Miss Smith on "Primary Handicrafts".

Representing the William Hooper school, Miss Wood, Miss Whitted and Miss Julia Faison discused methods of teaching "Geography". Miss Struthers reported on "Arithmetic", Miss Gibson on "Physiology" and Miss Grant an "Agriculture."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Policeman Tom Hall was called to his old home near Fayetteville yesterday by a telegram, announcing the serious illness of his brother.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro; E. E. Bailey, New Bern; S. D. Bradshaw, Rose Hill; C. H. Sessions, Charlotte; E. J. Hill, Warsaw.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were C. S. Bostic, Charlotte; Charles M. Lance, Whiteville; J. McRae Dalton, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Meares, Clarkton; L. O. Floyd, Cerro Gordo.

Peel off Your Rough Skin

To remove roughness, chaps or any complexion difficulty, the best thing to do is to remove the skin itself. This is easily and harmlessly done by the application of ordinary mercolized wax. The wax peels off the defective outer skin, a little each day, gradually bringing the second layer of skin to view. The new skin is beautifully soft, clear, white and young looking. Just procure an ounce of mercolized wax at any drug store and use like cold cream.

BREAD GOES STILL HIGHER

Consumer Notes Price Has Advanced to 12 Cents a Pound Since Bakers Were in Court

"Well, it seems that every time there is any sort of shake-up in the bakery business in Wilmington, the result is an increase in the price the consumer has to pay for bread," a consumer remarked yesterday. He called attention to the fact that since the bakers were in court a few days ago and paid the costs for selling loaves weighing less than 16 ounces without the weight being stamped on them, in violation of the city ordinance, at least some of the bakers are selling "half loaves", eight ounces, at 6 cents, making 12 cents for the equivalent of the former pound loaf which used to sell at 5 cents.

It was pointed out that the old price was 5 cents for what was understood to be a standard loaf of 16 ounces. The bakers got together and announced that they were forced either to increase the price of the loaf to 6 cents or to decrease the size of the loaf. The housewives' organization acquiesced in the higher price, in view of the higher cost of the ingredients, but it seems that the bakers both increased the price and reduced the size of the loaf, as it was later found by the authorities that they were selling loaves weighing between 10 ounces and 12 ounces for 6 cents, the consumers purchasing them for standard weight loaves. The action of the authorities ended this practice, but in lieu of paying 6 cents for a loaf weighing anywhere from 10 to 12 ounces, the consumer is now paying 6 cents for eight ounces, or 12 cents a pound, for bread that used to sell for 5 cents a pound, it was pointed out by an interested consumer, who seemed inclined to think that 140 per cent increase in the price of bread is pretty "digging."

This consumer concluded by remarking that the relation between the bakers and the consumers seems to be a case of "Heads I win, tails you lose".

UNCLE SAM IS IN NEED OF MORE HELP FOR NEXT YEAR

Advertises List of Positions for Which Examinations Will be Held.

Uncle Sam is in need of additional help for the coming year. His wants are many and varied and skilled workmen of all kinds are in demand. Congress is busy passing laws creating jobs all the time. More and more Uncle Sam is becoming a father to his people. He must have help, of course. Wherefore and therefore, it is that examinations are to be held in Wilmington early in January for numerous positions, many of them paying good salaries.

Applications will be received until January 2 for assistant organic chemist in the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., at a salary of $1,600. A shot firer is also wanted at Pittsburg, Pa., and applications will be received until January 2nd.

Examinations will be held in Wilmington on the dates named for positions as follows:

January 3—Deputy collector, inspector and agent, anti-narcotic act, male, $1,600 a year; soil physicist, male, $1,320 to $1,680 a year; geologic aid and assistant geologist at salaries ranging from $720 to $1,500 a year; junior fuel engineer, male, $1,200 a year; junior typographer, male, $720 to $1,200 a year; topographic aid, temporary, male, $40 to $75 a month; junior mechanical engineer, male, $1,00 a year; examiner of surveys, male, $1,200 to $1,500 a year.

January 9—Specialist in marketing wool, male, $1,800 to $2,000 a year; leading draftsman, ordnance department at large, $2,400.

January 16—Negative cutter, male, $3 per diem; supervising mining engineer and metallurgist, male, $4,000; specialist in cotton marketing and warehousing, male, $3,000 to $3,600; dairyman, male, $900 a year; assistant biologist, male, $3,000.

January 17 and 18—Mechanical draftsman, male, $1,000 a year; assistant chemist in forest products, male, $900 to $1,500 a year; assistant examiner, patent office, $1,500 a year; veterinarian, male, $1,400 a year; surveyor, male, $100 to $110 a month; oil gauger, male, $1,200 a year; aid, qualified in chemistry, male, $600 to $840 a year; pharmacist and physician's assistant, male, $1,000 a year.

January 23.—Architectural draftsman, male, $130 a month; senior structural engineer, $3,000 to $4,000 a year; lithograph map engraver, male, $720 a year.

RE-DRAFTING STATE STATUTES REGULATING NATIONAL GUARD

Special Commission at Work in Raleigh Getting Ready for Legislature.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—The special military board appointed some time ago by Governor Craig for the purpose, is in session here this week re-drafting the State statutes regulating the North Carolina National Guard, the special purpose being to make these statutes conform with the new Federal statutes regulating the National Guard of the country.

The board which is preparing these drafts for amending the State law will submit them to the Legislature through the Governor for enactment into law. The board consists of Majors E. D. Kuykendall, Greensboro; G. L. Peterson, Clinton, and Thomas Stringfield, Waynesville, with First Lieut. F. L. Page, of Greensboro, as recorder.

TO REVISE TORRENS LAND TITLE SYSTEM IN STATE.

Only Two Members of Special Commission on Hand Yesterday.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—This was the date for the special conference of the special commission for revising the North Carolina Torrens land title system through a tentative bill to submit to the Legislature. However, there were only two members of the commission here, Chief Justice Walter Clark and T. M. Pittman, of Henderson.

They went over the present Torrens act and agreed upon a number of amendments that they will submit to the other members of the commission through correspondence. They are E. R. Preston and Miss Margaret Berry, of Charlotte, and Bruce Craven, of Trinity.

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(Advertisement)

POSTAL SUB-STATIONS OPENED

Postmaster H. McL. Green Gives Additional Instructions for the Mailing of Christmas Parcels

Postmaster H. McL. Green announced yesterday that to facilitate the receipt and transmission of parcel-post packages in Wilmington three sub-stations have been opened in different sections of the city.

The stations are located as follows: Station No. 1, at Fifth and Queen streets in the store conducted by Mr. Owen M. Hill; Station No. 2 in the store conducted by Mr. Ben Kaminski, No 802 North Fourth street; Station No. 3, Front and Castle streets in the Southside Drug Company's store.

It is also announced that beginning this afternoon, all insured and C. O. D. matter will be received for mailing at the Registry Department of the postoffice, and such parcels will be rated and the stamps for same sold at a stamp window in the southern end of the postoffice lobby.

It is requested if a person has several parcels to insure that he call at the postoffice and ask for the requisite number of insurance tags, which can then be taken home and filled out, thereby saving time and avoiding congestion in the lobby.

Postmaster Green asks patrons to please observe strictly the following instructions:

1. Prepay postage fully on all parcels.
2. Address parcels fully and plainly.
3. Be sure and place name and address of sender on all matter.
4. Pack articles carefully and wrap them securely, but do not seal them, as sealed parcels are subject to postage at the first-class rate.
5. Mail Parcels early, and mark them, "Do not Open Until Christmas."
6. Insure all valuable parcels.
7. Written inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes", and the like may be placed on the covering of the parcel in such manner as not to interfere with the address, or on a card enclosed therewith.
8. Parcels weighing four ounces or less may be mailed in street-package boxes as heretofore, the rate being uniformly 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof. Parcels weighing over four ounces must be mailed at the main office or one of its stations.

HAS CHANCE FOR RECOVERY.

Negro Shot Sunday Morning is Still in Serious Condition.

As a result of a darktown row early Sunday morning, Luther Haynes lies in the James Walker Memorial Hospital with a bullet in his lungs, and with a 50-50 chance of recovery. No arrests have been made in connection with the affair, although a warrant has been sworn out for George Herring, another negro, charging him with the shooting.

According to advices from the hospital last night, the chances for Haynes' recovery are fair. The only statement that he has given out in regard to the shooting was that he did not think it was intentional. He gave out no information as to how the row started.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Webb, of Castle Haynes, died Sunday afternoon and was buried yesterday afternoon.

—Burning rubbish in the basement of the residence of Hon. George Rountree at Carolina Heights caused the fire department to turn out shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Little damage was done.

—Work had begun on the residence of Mr. B. H. Bridgers at 18th and Grace streets. The specifications call for a two-story building with slate roof, to cost about $6,000. Messrs. Moton & Cox are the contractors.

—Pierced in the stomach by an upright post after kicking his hind legs over the partition of a stall in the Schloss-Bear-Davis stables, Sunday night, a valuable horse belonging to Dr. B. J. Willingham, died early yesterday morning.

—James Mason, 16-year-old son of L. J. Mason, of No. 906 North Fourth street, is anxious that it be understood that he is not the boy of the same name who was a defendant in the Recorder's court Saturday on a charge of larceny of fireworks.

—Fritz Hanson leaves this morning for Florence, S. C., where tonight he takes part in a handicap wrestling match, in which he is engaged to throw two other men within an hour. He will probably wrestle in Sumter Wednesday night and expects to return to Wilmington Thursday.

Honolulu, Dec. 18. — Hawaii is to receive the first squadron of aeroplanes under the new defense act, Brigadier General Treat, commander as Schofield barracks, announced today. Twenty-four machines is to be the first allotment.

TEACHER IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Could Not Sleep, Had No Appetite. How She Recovered.

Alburtis, Pa.—"I am a teacher in the public schools and I got into a very nervous, run-down condition. I could not sleep and had no appetite. I was tired all the time. My sister asked me to try Vinol. I did so, and within a week my appetite improved and I could sleep all night and now I feel well and strong."—Rosa M. Keller, Alburtis, Pa.

Vinol, contains beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese peptonates, and glycerophosphates.

This is why it quickens the appetite, aids digestion, supplies iron to the blood and brings back the strength of renewed health.

We guarantee Vinol for run-down conditions.

Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist, Wilmington. Also at the leading drug store in all North Carolina towns.

Saxol Salve
REMOVES SKIN AFFECTIONS
One package proves it. Sold and gua[illegible] druggist.

"Love Is A Bird That Sings In The Heart Of A Woman"

You can encourage that little bird to "sing a much sweeter song and make life happier for your wife or sweetheart by presenting her with a box of delicious candy, now and then—and especially at this season of the year.

We have a beautiful assortment of Jacob's candies at prices to suit the pocketbook of everyone.

LADIES: It is a tax upon your ingenuity and time to decide just what to give your father, brother, or — friend.

We can solve that question for you—your troubles will just go up in smoke.

Come to us and let us supply you with a box of nice cigars—Key West or domestic. The price won't hurt your pocketbook. We have them from $1.00 per box up, and every cigar guaranteed to be of the highest quality.

A Hot Water Bottle makes an admirable gift for many. We have an elegant line for Xmas sale, and you can SAVE 25c. on every one you buy FROM US. Just bring your old rubber bottle with you.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON IS SOMEWHAT LOWER

Early Advances Followed by Wall Street and Western Liquidation. Close Barely Steady.

New York, Dec. 18.—Early advances on trade buying and covering were followed by a renewal of Wall Street and Western liquidation in the cotton market today and the close was barely steady at a net decline of 9 to 19 points. March sold off from 18.40 to 18.03 and last prices were at the lowest point of the day.

The market opened steady at an advance of 3 to 16 points and sold about 20 to 25 points net higher before the end of the morning. Covering was quite active on the advance to 18.14 for January and 18.60 for May but the bulge met increased offerings with Liverpool a considerable seller. Sentiment as to the peace outlook was evidently very nervous and rather heavy selling by Wall Street and Western people late in the afternoon was supposed to reflect apprehension that Lloyd-George's speech in parliament tomorrow would be against the acceptance of peace proposals. Early buyers liquidated on the decline and a few stop loss orders were uncovered with January selling off to 17.76 and May to 18.21, or about 39 points from the high level of the morning. October showed increasing activit yand relative steadiness with the fact ascribed to Central European buying in anticipation that the war would be ended by the beginning of next season.

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	17.99	18.02	17.90	17.70
January	18.06	18.15	17.76	17.76
March	18.30	18.40	18.03	18.03
May	18.46	18.60	18.21	18.21
July	18.37	18.62	18.25	18.25
October	16.65	16.76	16.46	16.46

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 18.10; sales 2,000 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 18.00; receipts, 3,505; exports, 1,600; sales, 1,057; stock, 464,300.

Galveston—Middling, 18 10; receipts, 11,597; exports, 23,492; sales, 500; stock, 412,016.

Mobile — Middling, 17.68; receipts, 864; sales, 10; stock, 15,963.

Savannah—Middling, 19.75; receipts, 2,450; exports, 15,907; sales, 200; stock, 207,122.

Charleston—Receipts, 284; stock, 75,427.

Wilmington—Middling, 17¾; receipts, 203; stock, 48,817.

Texas City—Receipts, 4,500.

Norfolk — Middling, 17.75; receipts, 2,459; exports, 1,935; sales, 75; stock, 111,702.

Baltimore—Stock, 6,076.

Boston — Middling, 18.35; receipts, 3,031; stock, 8,600.

Philadelphia—Middling, 18.35; stock, 819.

New York—Middling, 18.10; exports, 4,781; stock, 149,654.

Minor Ports — Receipts, 12,735; exports, 17,710; stock, 40,070.

Total today—39,678; exports, 65,425; stock, 1,540,576.

Total for Week—Receipts, 58,971; exports, 77,732.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,612,248; exports, 2,871,758.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 17.75; receipts, 11,445; shipments, 10,660; sales, 4,080; stock, 278,050.

Memphis — Middling, 18.50; receipts, 6,994; shipments, 3,519; sales, 100; stock, 302,896.

Augusta — Middling, 18.25; receipts, 739; shipments, 550; sales, 437; stock, 246,878.

St. Louis—Receipts, 5,586; shipments, 5,052; stock, 32,011.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 490; shipments, 1,827; stock, 23,492.

Little Rock—Receipts, 460; shipments, 356; stock, 53,708.

Dallas—Middling, 17.30; sales, 518.

Montgomery—Middling, 17.75; sales, 26.

Total today—Receipts, 25,714; shipments, 21,964; stock, 837,036.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Spot cotton weak; good middling 10.90; middling 10.80; low middling 10.64. Sales 10,000 bales; 500 for speculation and export; receipts 47,000 bales.

Futures steady. December 10.73; December and January 10.72; January and February 10.75; February and March 10.80; March and April 10.86; April and May 10.91; May and June 10.97; June and July 10.96; July and August 10.95; August and September 10.67; September and October 10.32; October and November 10.19; November and December 10.11.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton goods were easier and yarns were steady today. The British government has requisitioned 105,000,000 bags from Calcutta mills for the first quarter of next year, which effected the local burlap markets. Dress goods were firm. Jobbers reported a quiet trade.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Prices Fell Off for a Net Decline of 19 to 35 Points Yesterday.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—After advancing and declining in nervous fashion the greater part of the session, cotton developed weakness in this market late today under heavy liquidation which appeared to be in preparation for expected political statements in England. Prices fell off for a net decline of 19 to 35 points and the close was easy 15 to 35 down.

While there were several periods of steadiness the market was unsettled much of the time, trading being restricted by the coming holidays, the census bureau report on ginning Wednesday and the desire to wait on the announcement of the course to be pursued by the Entente Allies regarding peace proposals. Around the opening near months were 8 to 9 points down while distant months were 3 points up. This was followed by a recovery and a small net advance and there was another net advance at noon, but at the highest the active months were only 5 to 15 points above Saturday's close.

Closing bid: December 17.25; January 17.31; March 17.55; May 17.75; July 17.91; October 16.17.

Spot quiet and unchanged; sales on the spot 57 bales; to arrive 1,000 bales; middling 18.00.

WHEAT TRADING SPECULATIVE

Varying Opinions Regarding the Chances of Peace Form the Basis —Close Little Higher.

Chicago, Dec. 18. — Varying opinions regarding the chances of peace formed the basis of most of the speculative trading in wheat today, with increased pessimism at the end that Lloyd-George's reply to Germany tomorrow would not point to a speedy stoppage of the war. Quotations closed strong, ¾ to 2½c. net higher, at $1.64½ to $1.64¾ for May; 1.38 to 1.38¾, July.

Corn gained 1¼ to 2¼ and oats ¾ @½ to ⅝. In provisions the outcome ranged from 15c decline to a rise of 2½.

Close:

Wheat—May, 1.64½; July, 1.38.

Corn—May, 92⅜; July, 92⅝.

Oats—May, 53½; July, 51¼.

Pork—January, 12.60; May, 12.60.

Lard—January, 16.00; May, 16.02.

Ribs—January, 13.72; May, 14.07.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 3, red, 1.60½; No. 2, hard, 1.64; No. 3, hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 93¼@94; No. 4, yellow, 91@92½; No. 4, white, 91½@93.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—52.

ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, nominal; tar, $2.30-9c.; crude turpentine, nominal.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	10
Rosin	48
Tar	48
Crude Turpentine	9

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 8 casks; rosin, 191 barrels; tar, 145 barrels; crude turpentine, 166 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—17¾c.; same day last year, 11¼c.

Receipts—203 bales; same day last year, 549 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 71,622 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 133,109 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 18, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—203 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 36 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Addie May—9 casks spirits turpentine; 48 barrels rosin; 12 barrels tar.

Total—203 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 48 barrels rosin; 48 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 18.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, grass, $ 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Ordinary, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 18. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, weak. New stock, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market steady.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Hogs weak at a shade above Saturday's average; bulk 9.75 to 10.10; light 9.20 to 10.00; mixed 9.55 to 10.25; heavy 9.65 to 10.25; rough 9.65 to 9.80; pigs 7.40 to 9.15.

Cattle—Weak; native beef cattle 7.00 to 11.50; western steers 7.00 to 10.10; stockers 5.00 to 8.70; cows and heifers 3.85 to 10.00; calves 8.00 to 11.50.

Sheep—Steady; wethers 8.35 to 10.00; ewes 5.75 to 9.50; lambs 11.00 to 13.00.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 18.—Turpentine firm, 53; sales 480; receipts 308; shipments 91; stock 23,716.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,302; receipts 2,362; shipments 2,825; stock 91,339. Quote: A B C D E F G, 6.20; I, 6.25; K, 6.30; M, 6.50; N, 6.80; WG, 6.95; WW, 7.20.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors. Wilmington Shoe Co.
(advertisement.)

STOCK MARKET FLUCTUATES

Ebb and Flow of Peace Rumors Constitute Most Vital Factor in Yesterday's Trading.

New York, Dec. 18.—The ebb and flow of peace rumors constituted the most vital factor of today's market, advances and declines at times occurring in bewildering fashion. There were occasional reminders of turbulent movements of the previous week, industrial alcohol recording an extreme decline of almost 10 points, with pronounced pressure, verging upon weakness in motors, metals and shipping shares.

More than half the trading took place in the forenoon, industrials, coppers and secondary rails being the most conspicuous features.

Favorable auguries were found in the better bank statement and the continuous of easy money rates, but responsible financial interests again counselled caution and special stocks exeprienced a further levelling in bank loans. Public interest was negligible, except in railroads.

Gross advances of 1 to almost 3 points were scored by low priced rails, with free takings of Wabash, preferred, Lake Erie & Western, Wheeling & Lake Erie, Western Maryland and Chicago Great Western, preferred. Southern Railway was the most active of all rails, but reacted o nrealizing. U. S. Steel led the entire list, fluctuating with a range of two points and closing at a net loss of 1 1-8.

Coppers were consistently heavy and by-products dropped sympathetically. A belated advance in some of the petroleums, harvester issues and stocks of less definite description was offset by reversals in seasoned shares, the tone at the close being distinctly irregular.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,650,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	28
American Beet Sugar	98½
American Can	50⅝
American Car and Foundry	69⅝
American Cotton Oil	50
American Locomotive	79
American Smelting	107⅝
American Sugar	112
American Tel. and Tel	125⅝
American Zinc	46⅝
Anaconda Copper	87
Atchison	104⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	123
Baldwin Locomotive	68½
Baltimore and Ohio	85½
Bethlehem Steel	B.550
Canadian Pacific	168⅝
Central Leather	98⅜
Chesapeake and Ohio	66⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	94
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	39
Colorado Fuel and Iron	46⅝
Consolidated Gas	133
Corn Products	24⅝
Crucible Steel	66⅝
Cuba Cane Sugar	54
Erie	37
General Electric	171½
Great Northern, pfd	117
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	39½
Goodrich	63⅞
Illinois Central	106¼
Inspiration Copper	58½
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	103½
International Nickel	44
International Paper	46
Kansas City Southern	27
Kennecott Copper	47½
Lehigh Valley	80½
Louisville and Nashville	134
Liggett and Meyers	B.242
Lorillard Co	B.225
Maxwell Motors	59¾
Mexican Petroleum	100¾
National Lead	61⅝
New York Central	105¾
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	55¼
Norfolk and Western	137
Northern Pacific	110¼
Pennsylvania	56⅛
Ray Consolidated Copper	28⅝
Reading	107⅞
Rep. Iron and Steel	79⅝
Seaboard Air Line	18
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40
Sloss Sheff. Steel and Iron	66
Studebaker Corporation	112¾
Southern Pacific	98⅛
Southern Railway	35⅛
Southern Railway, pfd	72
Texas Co	203½
Union Pacific	146
United Fruit	136⅛
United States Rubber	59⅛
United States Steel	113
United States Steel, pfd	119¾
Utah Copper	105
Virginia-Caro. Chem	45
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	32
Western Union	101½
Westinghouse Electric	55⅛
Mo. P., w. i.	36

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—The market for cotton seed oil was about steady. Trading was very quiet in the absence of outside interest. Finar prices were 3 points higher to 2 net lower. Sales 5,500 barrels.

Close firm. Spot 12.20 bid; January 12.22 to 12.25; February 12.13 to 12.20; March 12.16 to 12.17; April 12.20 to 12.24; May 12.24 to 12.25; June 12.27 to 12.30; July 12.28 to 12.31; December 12.25 to 12.50.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 18.—Beeves steady; steers 6.75 to 10.85; bulls 5.00 to 7.25; cows 3.65 to 7.00.

Calves—Firm; veals 10.00 to 15.00; culls 8.00 to 9.50; barn yard calves 6.00 to 7.00; fed 8.00 to 9.70; yearlings 5.00 to 6.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Firm; sheep 5.50 to 8.50; culls 4.00 to 5.00; lambs 12.75 to 14.25; culls 9.00 to 11.50.

Hogs—Higher; light to heavy 10.00 to 10.50; rough 9.00.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 18.—Raw sugar dull; centrifugal 5.27; molasses 4.40; refined easy.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio 7s, 9 5-8; Santos 4s, 10 5-8.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 18.—Daniel W. Wendell, of Williamsport, Pa., dropped dead in the hallway of the Dixie building here today while on his way to see a doctor. He and his family were here to spend Christmas with a son.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 19, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 38 degrees; at 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .17 inch; rainfall for the month to date, .91 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., Saturday, 3.5 feet.

STORM WARNINGS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Hoist southeast storm warnings eleven a. m Chincoteague to Wilmington. Disturbance over northern Alabama moving northeast and increasing. Strong east and southeast winds this afternoon and tonight, shifting to southwest and west by Tuesday morning. Northeast warnings Boston to Baltimore, and southwest warnings Southport to Jacksonville.

FRANKENFIELD,

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair, colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair, continued cold.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 18, 1916.

Sun rises .....7:13 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:06 P. M.
Day's length .....9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	5:00	5:13	12:25	12:00
Southport	2:24	2:37	9:03	9:17
Masonboro Inl	2:13	2:26	8:43	8:57

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 18, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
	Temperature:			
Abilene	clear	46	30	.0
Asheville	cldy	32	24	.34
Atlanta	pt cldy	44	38	.32
Augusta	clear	60	40	.54
Baltimore	snow	28	..	.18
Birmingham	clear	54	46	.50
Boston	clear	30	16	.0
Charleston	clear	56	46	.0
Charlotte	clear	34	34	.26
Chicago	clear	8	2	.0
Galveston	clear	54	48	.0
Jaxville	clear	68	48	1.46
Memphis	clear	34	28	.30
Mobile	clear	60	54	.06
Montgomery	clear	60	50	.82
N. Orleans	clear	60	58	.0
New York	cldy	30	18	.0
Oklahoma	clear	38	22	.0
Palestine	clear	48	34	.0
Pittsburg	snow	22	12	.04
Raleigh	snow	36	30	.24
Savannah	clear	64	48	.18
Shreveport	clear	48	38	.0
St. Louis	clear	30	20	.0
Washington	snow	26	18	.14

NEW YOAK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-4. Sterling 60 day bills 4.71 1-2; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71 1-4; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.75 1-2; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 76 5-8. Mexican dollars 59 1-8. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular. Time loans easier, 60 and 90 days 4 1-4 to 4 1-2; six months 4 to 4 1-4. Coll money firm, ruling rate 4 1-2.

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No. 51 5:20 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
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No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:40 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
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6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
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SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
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LOSSES OF FRENCH AND BRITISH 5,100,000 MEN

Figures Given by German "Competent Military Authority."

Estimate Loss of 800,000 Men on Somme Front Up to End of November, Since July 1—French Losses the Heavier.

Berlin, Dec. 18 (via Sayville)—The losses of the French army to date have been 3,800,000 and of the British 1,300,000, according to competent military authority, says an Overseas News Agency statement today. On the same authority the French losses on the Somme up to the end of November are estimated at not less than 250,000 and those of the British at 550,000.

The statement says:

"The total French losses since the beginning of the war have been 3,800,000 and the British losses 1,300,000, or altogether 5,100,000. These figures are based on most reliable data. They do not include the losses of the colored troops of both the French and British armies, but, as these colored auxiliary troops are always used as much as possible in great attacks, the total of French and British losses probably is several hundred thousand higher.

"In the engagements of the Somme since July 1, 140 French and British divisions have been employed. These were drawn from all parts of the front from the ocean to Switzerland. The majority of these divisions, after short rests, returned twice or even three or four times to the front.

"The French losses on the Somme up to the end of November are estimated as at least 250,000 and the British at 550,000 men. Thus the total of French and British losses on the Somme are conservatively estimated as at least 800,000 men. They, therefore, exceed considerably the German losses as estimated by Germany's enemies at 690,000 men. As a matter of fact, the German losses were much less than 500,000 men. At the same time it must be taken into consideration that about 76 per cent of all the German wounded, after a short time, are able to return to the front, thanks to the excellent medical care they receive and the high standing of German surgery."

PEACE NOTE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO ALL THE ENTENTE GOVERNMENTS

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dor Page shortly after noon, a similar delivery was taking place in Paris.

The Swiss minister at Rome has presented the note of the Central Powers to Italy without comment, and through the same channel the message was presented to Belgium and Portugal also without comment. The Netherlands minister tendered the peace proposals to Serbia in behalf of Bulgaria.

All Without Comment

Prior to receipt of the note by the British foreign office, the deliveries to Italy, Belgium and other countries had permitted exchange concerning the exact official contents which proved to be substantially the same as given in the speech made in the Reichstag by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and without containing any specific indication of the terms.

It is also being observed in official circles that the note was uniformly presented without comment. This is taken to indicate that Germany framed the communication so that the neutral intermediaries would act only as forwarding agents, at least at the outset.

Premier Lloyd-George's speech in the House of Commons Tuesday is expected to show the general attitude of the British government. Thereafter exchanges between the Entente allies will determine the nature of the joint reply, but informal conferences already have prepared much of the ground.

Assertion to be Challenged

It is understood the assertion made in the German note that the war was forced upon Germany will not be permitted to go unchallenged, and that as a matter of historical record Germany's part in the events leading to the war will be clearly shown. What is termed by British officials as Germany's methods of conducting war against a civilian population, women and children, particularly in the recent Belgian deportations, also is likely to be pointed out. According to the latest advices reaching the Entente allied governments, the number of Belgians deported has reached 120,000.

While the note as presented makes no reference to a conference, there continue to be indications that Germany is seeking a conference. This has led to a careful scrutiny of the last precedent, that of the conference preceding the peace congress at the close of the Crimean war. A preliminary conference was held at Vienna in 1854 and proved abortive, but when the peace congress, which finally settled the terms, was held at Paris a year later the discussions at the conference served largely as a basis.

16,000 GUARDSMEN ARE ORDERED FROM BORDER

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ment out of Mexico by General Pershing's column. Officials also explained that a force of 75,000 Guardsmen would be maintained on the border until Pershing was withdrawn, and that today's order merely was in pursuance of the previously announced policy to reduce the militia to a minimum.

It is generally understood here that when the expedition in Mexico is withdrawn the entire guard force will be returned to home points for muster out.

Largely Up to Carranza.

General Pershing's withdrawal depends largely upon the action of General Carranza on the agreement submitted to him recently by the Mexican-American commissioners, which authorizes a conditional recall of the American troops in Mexico within forty days from the date it is signed by the two governments.

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Fayetteville Gets Major League Ball

BOSTON NATIONALS AND NEW YORK AMERICANS TO PLAY GAME APRIL 5 IN UPPER CAPE FEAR CITY.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 18.—The Boston National League and New York American League baseball teams will play an exhibition game here on April 5. Walter E. Hapgood, business manager of the Braves, was here today and made arrangements for the game, which will be the last of a series to be played by the Boston Nationals and the Yankees on their way north after the spring training.

The Braves will train at Miami, Fla., and the Yanks at Macon, Ga. After concluding the series of exhibition games here the Bostonians will jump directly to the Hub to start playing with Harvard and the Americans will go to New York for their spring series with the Brooklyn Superbas.

This will be the first game between big league teams ever played in Fayetteville and should draw well. The Philadelphia Nationals, and the Baltimore Internationals, have played each other here at the local park, but a contest between two representatives of the major leagues has never been staged here.

LAREAU EXPECTED TODAY.

Masked Marvel is Expected to Arrive in Wilmington This Morning.

Louis Lareau, known in wrestling circles as the "masked marvel" is expected to arrive in the city from Henderson today, to make final preparation for his match with Fritz Hanson at Woolvin Hall Friday night. Although he is in the pink of condition, Lareau does not purpose overlooking anything that may help him down the fast going Hanson, when they crawl through the ropes Friday night.

After arriving in the city, Lareau will take a daily workout at Woolvin Hall to prepare himself for the hardest kind of a battle. He has two victories over Fritz to his credit just now, and he realizes fully that the local man is going to make a mighty effort to prevent him from making it three straight. Hanson is confident that when the smoke clears away after this bout that the marvel's colors will be dipped in defeat.

PHIL REDDING RELEASED BY PIRATES TO CHARLOTTE CLUB

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—Manager James Callahan, of the Pittsburg National League, announced tonight that Phil Redding, a pitcher, purchased last fall from the Charlotte club of the North Carolina League, has been released to that team. He also announced that the pitchers and catchers will report at the Pirates' spring training camp at Columbus, Ga., on March 12, and the rest of the players will follow a week later.

AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH TURKEY ARE VERY UNSETTLED

State Department Not Yet Ready to Confirm New Ambassador.

Washington, Dec. 18.—American relations with Turkey are so unsettled, it became known today, that the State Department does not plan to take any action toward the confirmation of Fuad Bey, named by Turkey as ambassador, until that country gives consideration to American representations and interests.

Refusal of the Turks to allow nearly 200 Americans and naturalized Americans to leave Turkey at Jaffa; the conduct of the Turkish authorities in their treatment of the Syrians and Armenians, and the abrupt termination of the capitulations or extra territoriality agreements, has created a situation which is postponing action by the department in the confirmation of the new ambassador.

Fuad Bey has been chosen by the Porte to succeed the last Turkish ambassador, Rustem Bey, who was practically recalled for refusing to retract derogatory statements made in a public letter comparing negro lynchings in this country to persecutions in Armenia. Fuad Bey is said to be a diplomat of much experience, having been minister at Belgrade at the outbreak of the war.

TO ADD SEVEN STEAMERS

United Fruit Company to Enlarge its Carrying Business

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—The United Fruit Company plans to add seven steamers to its fleet plying between New Orleans, New York, Cuba and Panama during the coming year, according to an announcement here today. The vessels, it is stated, are now being constructed in American ship yards.

VENIZELOS CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON AND LIBEL

Warrant Issued for Arrest of Former Greek Premier

London, Dec. 18.—A warrant has been issued at Athens for the arrest of Eliphtherios Venizelos, the former premier, on charges of high treason and of libelling the Greek general staff in articles published in a newspaper several months ago, says a Reuter dispatch from the Greek capital.

CAROLINA DEBATERS LOSE.

George Washington Contestants Awarded Judges' Decision.

Washington, Dec. 18. — George Washington University debaters won from the University of North Carolina team here tonight by a judges' vote of 2 to 1, on the subject of compulsory arbitration of railway labor disputes. George Washington contended that a law with such provisions should not be passed.

New York, Dec. 18.—For setting a new record in her flight from Chicago to New York, Miss Ruth B. Law tonight received a gift of $2,500 at a dinner given in her honor here by the civic forum and the Aero Club of America. Rear Admiral Peary, Captain Roald Amundsen, the explorer, and many army and navy officers and aeronautical men were among those present.

London, Dec. 18.—The Portuguese steamer Cascais has been sunk, according to an announcement made tonight by Lloyds.

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LOST—ONE BROWN CHECKED VEST, between 7th, Orange and Front and Walnut. Finder will please return to I. Loewenthal, 402 N. Front st., and get reward. de19-1t

WANTED — JAN. 1ST, 1917, POSITION as saw or planing supt.; can handle yard and shipping for any size mill; reference furnished. Would consider contract proposition. Address Box 131, Garysburg, N. C. de19-1t*

WANTED — PINE TAR, GUM THUS, and crude turpentine. Write or call on North Carolina Naval Stores Co., 408 Maffitt's Marine Wireless Bldg., Wilmington, N. C. de17-tf

FOR GENUINE COMFORT WITH steam heat, artesian water, good service, live in the Comfortable Carolina Apartment House. We have one apartment not rented. Let us show this to you. J. G. Wright & Son, 124 Princess st. de19-2t

LOST — FRIDAY NIGHT, FROM 18TH and Princess street, brown and white setter dog. Answers to name "Bell." Reward, if returned to above address. de18-2t*

LOST—BRINDLE FEMALE BULL TERrier between Northwest and Wilmington, on evening of 14th. Will pay liberal reward for return. J. D. GeBott, Wilmington, N. C. de18-6t

OLD NEWSPAPERS—SUITABLE FOR wrapping or placing under carpets; limited number for sale at 20 cents per hundred while they last, at The Star office. de 14-tf

NOTICE, FORD OWNERS — SAVE money. Front springs for Ford cars, $3.00. Everything for the automobile. See us. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., Wilmington, N. C. de15-11t

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SPECIAL PRICES FOR ONE WEEK only—Asparagus tips, 10c; whole asparagus, 14c; early June peas, 11c; Premier peas, 14c; Bridal corn, 12c; Premier corn, 14c; succotash, 14c; Lima beans, 14c.; Premier ketchup, 12c; tomatoes, 12c; crisco, 13c and 32c; Beechnut grape jelly, 15c; Premier dressing, large size, 25c; salted almonds, 25c.; package rice, 8c.; figs, 20c per pound; Sultana raisins, 23c.; shelled almonds, 55c.; full cream cheese, 30c; large prunes, 15c; peaches, 10c. B. May's Delicatessen, Phone 322. de 16-7t

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STRIKE COMPLETELY TIES UP THE FACTORIES IN SPAIN

Called as a Protest Against Increased Price of Food.

Madrid, Dec. 18 (via Paris) — The twenty-four hour general strike called by the labor organizations as a protest against the increased price of food has resulted in a complete tie-up of factories.

All shops, cafes and restaurants in Madrid have been closed. Soldiers and civil guards fill the streets and great precautions have been taken against any disturbances.

FOR DECORATING HOLLY IN CASE lots, well berried $1.25 per case, F. O. B. Southport, N. C. Also Christmas trees, Holly or cedar, well berried, $1.00 to $5.00, according to size. Apply to Holly exchange, Box 63, Southport, N. C. de17-3t*

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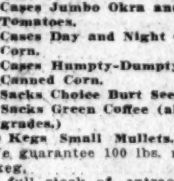

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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$5,533,969.70	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at Par)	602,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits	723,923.59
Bank Building	480,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	336,500.00	Special Deposit Bonds	15,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	28,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,510,133.21
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:

Nov. 17th, 1914	$4,213,401.77
Nov. 17th, 1915	6,083,763.59
Nov. 17th, 1916	7,510,133.21

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